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HALIFAX, Monday, May 21.

The steamship Cuba, from Liverpool 12th, via Queenstown 13th inst., arrived here to-day, en route to Boston.

The steamship North American, from Portland, arrived at Londonderry on the 10th.

The steamship Baltic, from New-York, arrived at Southampton on the 10th.

The steamship Persia, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 11th.

The Cuba has 75 passengers for Boston and 45 for Halifax.

The steamship North American, from Portland, arrived at Liverpool on the 11th.

The steamship Hibernian, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the 11th, not Greenock, as previously reported.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Terrible Financial Panic.

The financial panic commenced late on Thursday afternoon of the 10th, in the suspension of OVEREND, GURNEY & Co. The business was converted in August last into a limited liability company, with a nominal capital of five millions sterling, of which a million and a half was paid up. The liabilities are stated at from ten to twelve million pounds sterling. The break-down is attributed to heavy speculative sales of shares which forced them down from ten premium to a discount. Depositors then began to get alarmed, and the drain on the 10th was very severe. Application for assistance was made at the Bank of England, but the governors declined to grant any, on the ground that it would be vain in a crisis like the present to assist one establishment unless they were prepared to help other applications as well. It was too late to make a call on the shareholders, or take any other step. The doors of the establishment were consequently closed. The failure does not compromise the Gurney Bank at Norwich.

On the following morning (Friday, the 11th,) intense excitement prevailed in the financial circles of London, Liverpool, and other centres, and business was almost suspended.

The *Times* of the 12th, in its city article, says:

"The Bank of England yesterday raised the rate of discount from 8 to 9 per cent., and charge for special advances to 10. The pressure even at these terms was enormous; and it was only on unexceptionable bills that an accommodation could be obtained. Meanwhile additional and most serious disasters were hourly announced. The first was that of a comparatively small bank, the English Joint Stock, for £800,000 sterling; then came that of PETO & BETTS for four millions sterling; then that of W. SHERIMPTON, railway contractor, for £200,000, and finally it was understood that the Imperial Mercantile Credit Association, whose paid-up capital is half a million sterling, and the Consolidated Discount Company with a paid-up capital of a quarter of a million sterling, must with extremely heavy commitments pass into liquidation. During the day the most intense anxiety was manifested to ascertain if any step had been taken by leading merchants and bankers to represent to the Government the extent of the crisis, and a false notification in the Stock Exchange to the effect that an extra issue of bank notes to the extent of ten millions had been authorized caused at one time a general rebound in prices."

Later in the evening it transpired that the Government had resolved to suspend the Bank Charter Act.

The assets of PETO & BETTS, even under the most depressed circumstances, are estimated at five millions sterling, and it is confidently assumed that in a short time a proposition for the adjustment of all claims can be submitted.

Every one will hope that this may be the case, for Sir MORTON PETO and his partner rank prominently among those who have carried the fame of English enterprise to all parts of the globe, while they have commanded high personal regard in all sections among their countrymen.

It is already known that several failures among dealers will be announced in connection with the approaching half-monthly settlement on the Stock Exchange. A large number of country bankers were in London to confer with their London agents to provide against all danger from local runs. Rumors were circulated in the course of the day of a severe run on the bank of BARNETT'S, HOORE'S, HONBURY & Co., but they were entirely without foundation. There was a run upon two or three other banks, and being well met, soon subsided. Both in London and in the country ample preparations were very generally made for such contingencies.

In the Liverpool cotton market there was an increased panic at the commencement on Friday, but less unsteadiness at the close.

At Manchester there was a complete pause. At Glasgow the iron brokers resolved to suspend business till Monday.

The produce markets at London prices were almost wholly nominal. Taking into account the depreciation that has simultaneously occurred in English funds, railway and foreign securities, &c., the diminution in the market value of this property since the beginning of the year may be considered to reach one hundred and thirty millions sterling, to say nothing of the losses on cotton, cotton goods, iron and other articles.

THE ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The action of the Government was announced in the House of Commons on Friday at midnight, by GLADSTONE, who had been engaged all the evening in consultation with bankers and others, who represented to him that the panic in the city was without parallel in the financial history of the country.

MR. GLADSTONE said he had addressed a letter to the Bank of England to the effect that if they should find occasion to afford relief to the wants of legitimate commerce, and make such advances as would require the issue of notes beyond the amount allowed by the Act, the Government recommended them not to hesitate in doing so, and undertook, in the event of, that contingency, to make immediate application to Parliament for an act of indemnity.

The *Times*, in an editorial, says: If anything can justify the suspension of the Bank Charter Act, the panic which swayed the city to and fro on Friday may excuse the step, although we believed the reign of terror was approaching its end and would have speedily ceased had no infraction of the bank law been permitted. Even now it is probable the license allowed to the bank will not be used. It cannot, however, be denied that about midday yesterday, the tumult became a rout. The doors of the most respectable banking houses were beseiged, more perhaps by a mob, actuated by a strange sympathy, which makes and keeps a mob together, than by the creditors of banks, and throngs heaving and tumbling about Lombard-street made that narrow thoroughfare impassable. Such excitement on all sides has not been witnessed since the great crisis of 1825. Each man exaggerated the suspicions of his neighbor, and until a report, at that time unfounded, was circulated in the afternoon, that the Government had authorized the bank directors to issue five millions additional in notes, it seemed as if the fear and distrust of the commercial world had suddenly become boundless. The statement was baseless at the time, but served to allay the panic which had no solid foundation. Even the announcement of PETO's suspension did not revive the panic in its first intensity, and the statement of other stoppages produced little effect."

The *Times* adds: "We need to be persuaded that had the Government stood firm the panic would have subsided itself, and if, as we are to expect, confidence will be speedily restored, we shall attribute it to natural causes rather than to the interference of the Executive Government."

The *Daily News* applauds the wise and prompt action of the Government. It says: "During Friday the Bank extended its loans and discounts, until the amount exceeded four millions sterling. The effect was to reduce the Bank reserve by nearly three millions. This diminution and the prevailing distrust justified the Government intervention."

Miscellaneous News.

Parliamentary proceedings were unimportant.

The House of Commons debated with some warmth the inefficiency, from old age, of two Irish judges. Sir ROBERT PEEL provoked some slight excitement. No action was taken.

The *Morning Herald* says that at a very large meeting of Lord DERBY'S supporters, on the 11th, it was resolved that no opposition should be offered to the second reading of the reform bill for redistribution of the seats, and that the bill be allowed to go into the Committee.

The cholera continued to prevail among the passengers of the returned steamer Helvetia, and a few additional deaths, not confined to the Germans, are reported. The steamer remained in quarantine. A large number of the crew took forcible possession of the tender and deserted the vessel, but subsequently were prevailed upon to return.

The seamen in Liverpool, and especially those engaged on the steamers, were on a strike for increased wages. Many of the leading firms had acquiesced in the demands of the men.

AUSTRIA, PRUSSIA AND ITALY.

No Change in the Position of Affairs—The Situation Still Threatening.

The question of war for the moment is overshadowed by the financial panic. There is no modification in the threatening aspect of affairs.

The *Times*, in a summary view of affairs on the 11th, says the whole Prussian army and great bodies of troops are massed along the frontiers. Austria is bringing into the field every man she can raise, and it is enough to say the whole nation is panting for war. There were rumors of communications by France and England with Austria, with a view to avert an outbreak, but nothing authentic.

The Florence papers regard war as inevitable, and say by a modification of the Ministry, about to take place, LA MARMORA will receive the military command.

It was stated that the King of Italy would leave Florence, May 15, for Piacenza.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies passed, by a vote of 208 to 48, a bill granting the Government extraordinary powers to provide for the maintenance of the public safety.

Exportation of horses is prohibited from Italy. Offices for the enrollment of volunteers opened in Florence and other cities.

Italian municipalities continue to vote rewards and pensions to soldiers who shall have distinguished themselves; and at Messina the sum of 30,000 francs was voted for the crew of the first Italian man-of-war that shall take distinguished part in operations against Venice.

The City of Venice is said to be closed to traffic from without.

Italian and German journals had become more reserved in their accounts of armaments and military intelligence.

A royal decree was issued on the 10th dissolving the Chamber of Deputies. This measure was proposed to the King by the Ministers, in order that a fresh election, without delay, might develope the real feeling of the Prussian people. It was thought this might delay the outbreak of war.

The Provincial Correspondens, of Berlin, in announcing the mebdization of the entire Prussian army, says the nation may be assured that the Government is willing to maintain peace, if it can be done with honor and due regard to Prussian interests, but it was resolved that it must act in a forcible and decided manner to maintain those interests.

It is stated that Prussia, in reply to the Austrian dispatch of May 4, relative to the Duchies, expressed willingness to enter into fresh negotiations upon another basis, since that now proposed is not suitable for a starting point. Another statement is that BISMARCK had declared to the Austrian Ambassador that he would only accept the solution of the question of the Duchies from a German Parliament.

The Bavarian Government has ordered the immediate mobilization of the entire Bavarian army.

A number of the reigning petty German Sovereigns had been in confidence in Wirtembergh, but the result was not stated.

Rumors were current at Vienna of Russian preparations for war.

Orders have been also issued from Constantinople that the Turkish army be raised to its full strength, and calling out 12,000 of the Reserve.

Late dispatches from Vienna say that the aspect of affairs is regarded as threatening, hopes of mediation and peace all being regarded as illusory. A loyal manifestation and active military measures are reported from various parts of Austria.

The Archduke RENIERR had left Vienna for Verona.

The Vienna *Neue Freundeblatt* says the reply of Prussia to the last Austrian note has been received, and is calculated to cause a complete rupture between the two Powers.

AUSTRIA AND AMERICA.

Protest against Sending Austrian Troops to Maximilian—Action of the Austrian Government.

A Vienna telegram of the 9th says the departure of the Austrian volunteer corps for service in Mexico is reported to have been fixed for the 10th of May, from its rendezvous at Laibach.

Immediately this report became current, Mr. MORLEY, the American Minister, had an interview on the subject with Count MENSDORFF.

A dispatch of the 11th says in consequence of the protest of the American Minister, the last rifle volunteers who joined the corps destined for Mexico have been sent home upon unlimited furlough.

GENERAL NEWS.

France.

The Paris *Constitutionnel*, of the 12th, publishes an article which states that France has not ceased to give counsels of moderation to Prussia, Austria and Italy, and says the Emperor's Government desires to maintain peace under conditions affording full satisfaction to the national honor and interests. It has no other object, and cannot with justice be represented as engaged in projects of war which it regrets and disapproves.

The weekly returns of the Bank of France show a decrease in cash of over six and a half million francs.

The Bourse, on the 11th, was very excited. Rentes at one time advanced to 64f. 80c., but finally closed at at 63f. 85c., an improvement of one per cent on the day. Italian securities rose nearly two per cent.

The Bank of France, on the 11th, advanced the rate of discount from 3½ to 4.

Portugal.

The Ministry has been modified. Viscomte AGNIER is President of the Council; Señor CASALRITETROL, Minister of Foreign Affairs, &c.

The West Coast of Africa.

The April mails from the various places on the west coast of Africa are received. Trade is dull at all these places.

India.

BOMBAY, Friday, May 4.

Cotton drooping; shipments of the week 28,000 bales. Manchester goods flat. Exchange 2s. 8d.. Freights to Liverpool 40s.

CALCUTTA, Thursday, May 3.

Exchange 2s. 2d. Indigo prospects good.

China.

[By telegraph from Alexandria.]

SHANGHAE, Monday, March 26.

A convention had been made between Prince KUNG and the British and French Ministers, with the object of improving the coolie trade and the mercantile arrangements of the country.

Treachery had been discovered in the imperial camp at Hankow. Seventy-seven Nientain spies had been caught and executed.

Australia.

MELBOURNE, Saturday, March 24.

Political affairs are more complicated than ever.

The Legislature has rejected the Tariff bill by a large majority.

The Ministry has resigned. The Governor has made several unsuccessful attempts to form a new Cabinet.

It is said the Governor intends to dissolve the Parliament and govern with the Executive.

News Per City of New-York.

The following is a summary of the news sent out by the steamer *City of New-York* on the 9th of May.

The steamship *City of Washington*, arrived safely at Liverpool on the 9th, in tow of the *City of Cork*.

In the House of Lords inquiry was made if the English Government had tendered its mediation in the German Italian difficulty. CLARENDON said the Government had taken care to let it be known that England's good offices would be freely tendered if desired, but the result was discouraging, and England could do nothing more. He feared the consequences now that a million men were armed and ready for action, and he denounced the war as unjustifiable and without cause.

Mr. GLADSTONE introduced the second part of the reform measure—the redistribution of seats. No borough is to be thoroughly disfranchised, but numerous distinct constituencies are to be grouped into one. Forty-nine seats are to be thus released and distributed among the counties and more populous boroughs. The measure is generally regarded as satisfactory, and likely to be carried.

Bills have been also introduced, reducing the franchise in Scotland and Ireland.

The prospects of war were apparently thickening.

There was no confirmation of the rumor of a European Congress, and there were no signs of mediation. Warlike preparations were active, and money markets were greatly depressed.

NAPOLEON made a significant speech at AUXERRE, in which he said he detested the treaty of 1815. The Paris Bourse had accepted it as a signal for war. Severe panics had set in. Rentes fell 2 per cent.

There had been an almost corresponding depression in London, but the decline in funds was less severe, and there was a slight improvement on the 8th.

Six Prussian *corps d' armée* had been mobilised.

Orders had been issued placing the whole Austrian army on a war footing.

Great military activity is reported from Italy. Volunteers are being received into the army for one year's service. A royal decree has been issued ordering the formation of a volunteer corps of twenty battalions under command of GARIBALDI.

The latest Austrian dispatch to Prussia regards the negotiations for simultaneous disarmament as exhausted, and contends that Austria, although having no offensive design whatever against Prussia or Italy, will maintain defensive measures against Italy.

Warlike preparations are reported from the Middle German States.

There were some slight rumors of a pacific adjustment even yet, but they were not very hopeful.

An attempt was made to assassinate Count BISMARK as he was walking in Berlin. The assasin fired several shots from a revolver. BISMARK received only a slight contusion. The assassin was arrested, but committed suicide in prison.

BOMBAY, Tuesday, May 1.

Exchange 2s. 1¾d. Freights, 85s. Cotton—Shipments for a fortnight 90,000 bales.

CALCUTTA, Monday, April 30.

Exchange 2s. 2d.

HONG KONG, Sunday, April 15.

Tea unchanged. Exchange 4s. 1¾d.

SHANGHAE, Monday, April 9.

Exchange 5s. 6d.

News by the Steamship Belgian.

The following is a summary of the news dispatched by the *Belgian*, which left Liverpool at 2:30 P. M. of the 10th, and Londonderry the next day.

The steamship *Pantonia*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton on the evening of the 9th.

The Berlin correspondents of the London *Times* says that Mr. MOTLEY, the American Minister at Vienna, had announced that he would leave the country if another body of volunteers was dispatched to Mexico. A detachment of 1,000 men was to have embarked at Trieste May 10, but there is no announcement of their doing so.

Several additional deaths from cholera had occurred among the German emigrants on board the returned steamer *Helvetia* at Liverpool.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 12—A. M.

COTTON—The Brokers' Circular reports the sales of Cotton for the week at 48,000 bales, of which 3,000 bales were to speculators and exporters. The market is lower; sales heavy, dull, and prices declined 1/16d. for American and 1/4d. @1/2d. for other descriptions. The authorized quotations are:

Fair Orleans	13¼d.	Middling Mobiles	12d.
Middling Orleans	12½d.	Fair Uplands	11½d.
Fair Mobiles	12d.	Middling Uplands	12¼d.

The sales on Friday were only 5,000 bales, the market closing dull and weak, owing to the financial panic, the failure of OVEREND, GURNEY & Co. and the further advance of the Bank rate to 9 ₱ cent.

The stock in port is estimated at 670,000 bales, of which 302,000 are American.

STATE OF TRADE.

The Manchester market is unsettled. There were no transactions yesterday, in consequence of the financial panic.

BREADSTUFFS—Have an advancing tendency, but close quiet. RICHARDSON, SPENCE & Co. and others report: Flour quiet and firm, at an advance of 6d.@1s. ₱ sack on the week. Wheat firm, at an advance of 2d. Winter Red, 10s. 2d.@10s. 9d. Corn firmer and 2s. higher; Mixed, 29s. 9d.@30s. 3d.

PROVISIONS—Have a downward tendency. Messrs. RIGLAND, ATHYA & Co. and BRIGGS & MCALISTER report: Beef very dull and still declining. Pork still declining. Bacon easier, and 1s. 3d. lower. Butter scarce. Lard firmer; sales at 70s. Tallow tends downward.

PRODUCE.—The Brokers' Circular reports: Ashes, small sales and prices tending downward. Sugars quiet and steady. Coffee inactive. Rice quiet, the tendency downward. Linseed easier. Linseed Oil quiet and steady. Sperm Oil steady at £128. Rosin steady. Spirits Turpentine quiet at 42s. Petroleum fiat at 2s. for refined, and £14 15s. for crude."

LONDON MARKETS.

BARING'S Circular reports: WHEAT tends upward and prices are 1s.@2s. higher. IRON quiet at £8 10s.@£9 15s. for rails and bars, and 56s. 3d. for Scotch pig. SUGAR very dull and prices easier. COFFEE dull and 1s.@2s. lower. RICE quiet and firm. TEA quiet. SPIRITS TURPENTINE tending downward. PETROLEUM quiet at 2s. 3d.@2s. 2½d. for refined. TALLOW dull and unchanged. LINSEED OIL active for export to America; sales at 30s.@30s. 6d. English TIN advanced 6s.@7s.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Consols closed on Friday at 85@85¼ for money.
United States Five-twenties, 64@65.
Illinois Central Shares, 74@76.
Erie Shares, 43@45.
The million in the Bank has decreased £388,000.
BARING'S Circular says there is nothing doing in American Securities, owing to the prevailing distrust. United States Five-twenties are nominally 65@65.
The bank has raised its rate of discount to 9 per cent.

The Latest.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 12—Evening.

COTTON—The sales to-day were 20,000 bales, including 5,000 to speculators and exporters. The market is firmer, and prices ¼d. higher. Middling Uplands about 12¼d. @12⅝d.

BREADSTUFFS—Quiet and firm.

PROVISIONS—Dull, and tendency downward.

LONDON, Saturday, May 12—P. M.

Consols for Money, 85⅝@85¾.
United State 5-20s, 64@65.
Illinois Central Shares, 76@78.
Erie Shares, 44@45.
The Bank rate was to-day advanced to 10 ₱ cent.
There was a better feeling, and a general improvement in most securities to-day.

Latest by the Cuba via Liverpool and Queenstown.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 12—Evening.

There is a better feeling and a general improvement in most securities to-day.

There are rumors of failures in Liverpool. One house, well known in American trade, is freely named.

The continental news continues warlike; but a Berlin dispatch to-day says that hopes are entertained in some quarters for the maintenance of peace, probably on the ground that Austria will make some concessions. It is believed that no formal treaty has yet been concluded between Prussia and Italy.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Telegraph* believes on good authority that there is still a chance for peace if England and Russia will join France in a Congress *ad hoc*.

VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, Sunday, May 13.

German politics are unchanged.

It is reported at Vienna that the last raised Mexican volunteers will enter the Austrian army.

The steamer *Emprotrice Eugenie*, from Mexico, has arrived at Navarre, with troops and nine million francs, three million for the French treasury.

The Paris Bourse was very irregular, but closed firmer. Rentes 64fr. 20c.

Election at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Monday, May 21.

At a special election for City Counsel in the Thirteenth Ward to-day, to fill vacancy, SAMUEL F. WYLIE, Independent Union candidate, received 148 majority over Col. SCHLEY, the regular nominee.

MEXICO.

Reported Defeat of the French Near Mazatlan Confirmed—Particulars of the Engagements.

From the San Francisco Bulletin.

A correspondent, who has a plantation near the place where the battle was fought, writes us as follows:

Since the last steamer sailed there have been two sallies of the French troops from this place to meet the force under CORONA. The first was in March, when some 650 French and 550 Mexican Imperial troops left for the Presidio. They were compelled to fight their way all the distance to the Presidio, where they met Gen. CORONA in force. A severe battle ensued, the French taking from the Pioneer Cotton Company, Messrs. CUTTER & CLEMENS, a large number of cotton bales, wherewith to build a fortification on the Plain. As they were kept three days without water, not being able to leave their fortifications, and losing many of their men, they were compelled to cut their way out at night, and travel all the way to Mazatlan without stopping, losing all their guns, ammunition and baggage, carrying forty-eight wounded. The loss in killed on both sides was about 600 or 700 men. The stench was so bad in the Presidio that the dead were hauled together in a pile and burnt. During the engagement the French Commandant-General of the Port, Capt. RAYMOND, received a ball through the breast, from the effects of which he died. On the other side, one of the bravest and best of CORONA's men, MIRAMONTEZ, was killed. He rode up to the breastworks of the enemy and was shot through the heart.

The French were completely routed, CORONA being triumphant, gaining a brilliant victory, capturing baggage enough to keep his men busy two days to bring it in. CORONA also took possession of the cotton as a lawful prize of war, being used by the enemy, and now the French refuse to indemnify the owners, saying that they are not responsible, but that the Maximilian Government must be looked to for pay.

Again, about the 1st of April, the French, with their Mexican allies under Gen. MORO, left for Ciquerro, where they understood the enemy were, but upon arriving found none. However, while there, they heard the firing at San Sebastian of the Lozado party (Imperial) from Tepic, who were engaged in a severe battle with CORONA's forces, but instead of going to the assistance of LOZADO, as they promised him, they refused, and when the Mexican troops demanded to go without the French, they were informed that they would all be treated as enemies the moment they left their lines. The result is a general dissatisfaction among the officers and men of the Tepic and Gaudalajara troops will leave the French and return home. Meantime the battle at San Sabastian was a severe one, and LOZADO was driven back to Tepic, arriving with only 300 or 400 men out of 3,000. Although the City of Mazatlan is posted with official notices and handbills stating that all the Liberals had been driven out of the State, yet the same day the CORONA were at the very gate of the city in numbers, and on the island opposite carrying off vegetables and fruit for their comrades. The fact is, the port of Mazatlan is and has been besieged for a month past, until it is almost untenable longer by the Imperial forces.

Everybody here is sick of their presence—inhabitants, merchants and all—and the sooner they leave the better for all, as they will only reap disgrace instead of honor by remaining.

The French are generally considered a civilized and humane people, but here they are fast degenerating into barbarism, perpetrating cruelties and outrages unheard of before among any civilized nation. Americans are imprisoned without the slightest evidence of guilt and held after being tried by court-martial, when no charge has been sustained. A young man named FITZGERALD, and another named HOUCK, were heavily ironed and kept in prison charged with having bought corn of the enemy outside. Some time after their confinement there was a break among the prisoners, when HOUCK attempted to escape. He was ordered to Tepic, but while on his way was shot by his guards, who robbed him of his gold watch; his other effects were sent to the British Consul at Tepic. The authorities promised the friends of FITZGERALD that he should be released on condition of his leaving for California on the first steamer; but, instead, he was heavily ironed in his cell and subjected to all manner of indignity and insult, with threats of instant death upon the slightest provocation, the Mexican prisoners often, in their drunken fits, jeopardizing his life as well. The Captain of the United States steamer *Saranac* having been applied to in the matter, replied that Americans were always getting into trouble; he sympathised with the prisoner, but really could do nothing. Some time after this the chains were removed from him, when the present Comandante, upon investigation demanded by the commander of the *Saranac*, discovered it. He then, in connection with Gen. RIVAS, the Mexican Imperial Commander, looked for the order that took them off. This was found; but the order putting them on was not. Sufficient to say, that after some months of imprisonment Mr. FITZGERALD is now released, through an influence not official, and is safe on his way to California, where he can tell his own story.

Another instance of unprecedented atrocity is presented in the case of a Mr. MORGAN, who, having left here for the mine where he was engaged before the order was issued requiring a passport to go and come, he was asked by the guard at the Garita for his pass, he in company with two other Americans, both of whom had them. Not having one he was taken before the present Comandante, where he explained, stating that he was going to San Francisco, upon which he was told that he must leave town immediately. He was given in charge of a brace of red breeches, who escorted him to the gate and thrust him outside of the city without his mule which he rode on. After waiting outside for awhile, hoping his friends would join him and come after him, he started afoot for the Presidio, distant 25 miles. When he got about half a mile he met some of CORONA's men, who asked him where he was going. He told them his story, when they gave him a written paper to pass on through their lines to his destination, but being bewildered, he took the wrong road, which led him directly into the camp of CORONA. Here he was seized, and with pistols cocked directly in both ears, was threatened with instant death if he turned to the right or left. Finally, a big negro among them, who spoke English well, coming up, had matters explained; and about this time, his friend coming up with his mule and an order for his return, procured from the French Consul, he got back safe, and is also on his way to your city.

The Prefect of the Port a short time since issued an order declaring the copper coin of the country known as *cuartillas* to be no longer legal, which took effect immediately, and no one is responsible for its redemption. So, of course, everybody had to lose them, and the poor people, who never see silver, are all on the point of starvation. Trade and commerce is quite suspended, and money is not to be had.

SEIZURE OF THE JOHN L. STEPHENS.

She is Captured at Cape St. Lucas by the Liberals—She is Taken to La Paz and Gets Away from Her Captors.

The San Francisco *Bulletin* gives the following details of the seizure of the *John L. Stephens* by the Mexican Liberals, an event which has already been noticed in our correspondence from the City of Mexico:

On her last down trip the *John L. Stephens* came to anchor at Cape St. Lucas, about 3 A. M. of the 6th of April. The night was intensely dark. After she had been anchored a few minutes, and while the passengers were asleep and only the usual watch on deck, she was quietly boarded by FRANK F. DANA, HENRY MALCOLM, "Big Dave," and six other Americans—ten men in all. To an inquiry of the Captain, who was on deck at the time, one of them replied that they were passengers. Capt. WAKEMAN was immediately taken into custody by DANA, the leader of the gang, who enjoined the utmost silence, so as to prevent an alarm being given. Guards were stationed at commanding points about the ship, and DANA, pistol in hand, proceeded to disarm the passengers, which he did by visiting each stateroom in regular order.

DANA told the Captain that he was looking for a passenger, and also contraband of war, and proceeded to search the vessel. Some time after he approached the Captain and announced that he had discovered on board contraband of war, and proceded to show his authority for the seizure of the steamer, which consisted of the following document from Gen. CORONA, commander of the Liberal forces in the State of Sinaloa:

UNITED REPUBLICAN BRIGADES OF SINALOA AND JALISCO.

With the forces I have placed at your command and according to the authority given you at these headquarters, you will proceed to seize the steamer *John L. Stephens*, now engaged on the Pacific, in the service of the so-called Mexican Empire, in transmitting correspondence, arms and foddder, for the invaders of the country.

Having seized the vessel you will put at the order of the *Gefe de Hacienda* of the State, all goods belonging to friendly nations.

The remainder of the goods and utensils of war you will put on shore in the first port or bay that you may deem convenient.

The Captain and crew of the steamship you will make prisoners.

Of all this you will advise these Headquarters in order that such dispositions may be made as shall be proper.

If you should be attacked by the enemy's vessels of war, you will set fire to the *John L. Stephens*, secure the safety of yourself and command in the best way possible, and report to these Headquarters.

Independence and Liberty!

VILLA DE UNION, March 15, 1866.

RAMON CORONA,

Commandante Esquadron, Villa Francisco, F. Dana.

DANA informed the Captain that the articles discovered entitled the vessel to confiscation, and that he should take her to Altata. Subsequently he addressed him a note commanding him in the name of the Republic of Mexico to proceed to Altata. The latter denied the jurisdiction of his captor, and addressed him the following protest:

CAPE ST. LUCAS, April 6, 1866—9 A. M.

Col. F. F. Dana—DEAR SIR: This will inform you that the *John L. Stephens*, under my command, is now ready to proceed on her voyage, she being lawfully engaged in the Mexican trade, and legally cleared at an American Custom House, in San Francisco, and by the foreign Consuls; and whereas the laws of your country, or those of Mexico, require that a seizure be made under the Mexican flag and by Mexican citizens; and whereas, you and your party came on board the ship as passengers and as Americans—I do most solemnly protest against my restraint and the seizure of this steamer, with her cargo, passengers and crew. I further protest against her being detained and taken to the port of Altata, the same not being a safe port of entry for this vessel, and never having been used as such for a vessel of her size.

E. WAKEMAN, Captain.

Signed also by ROBERT HOUSTON, Engineer; L. W. HART, First Officer; G. L. MURDOCK, Purser.

DANA insisted that the Stephens must go to Altata, where the passengers and cargo were to be landed. Five hundred soldiers were to be put on board, when the steamer was to proceed to Mazatlan. Before Mazatlan two French war vessels are lying—the Victoire, frigate, and the Lucifer, man-of-war. Both these vessels have recently been very feebly manned, most of the crews being on shore on other duty. The Stephens, approaching in the night, was by an artifice concealed in a seeming blunder, to swing alongside the Victoire. Once within leaping distance of the decks of the latter, the 500 Liberals trusting to a desperate chance, were to hurl themselves on the frigate, overpower her crew, if possible, and get possession of her guns. Her heavy armament would force the surrender of the Lucifer. Thus controlling these two war vessels, and seconded by CORONA'S army in the rear of Mazatlan, the captors could not have much difficulty in forcing the capitulation of the French and Imperial battallions and out of the town. Guaymas was next to be attacked, and after Guaymas, the remaining Pacific ports occupied by the French.

To this modest little arrangement Capt. WAKEMAN demurred; declared he should never go to Altata; that sooner than that he should put his vessel where Old Nick himself could not turn her wheels. At this DANA, after counseling with his fellows, ordered him to weigh anchor and proceed to La Paz.

Capt. WAKEMAN, suspecting that DANA'S orders was to go to La Paz was only a ruse, determined to attempt the rescue of his vessel by *coup de main*. Putting himself in communication with some of his officers, he arranged a plan of attack while DANA and his men were at supper. This plan was, however, discovered. The Captain was told it was no use to resist, and the vessel proceeded on its way to La Paz.

On the afternoon of the 7th she arrived at La Paz. Our correspondent at that place thus describes her arrival:

This morning, shortly after sunrise, a steamer appeared in the offing. The oldest mariner was consulted, and the vessel pronounced to be the *John L. Stephens*. The whole thing was out—she had been taken and turned from her course. The news spread; the whole town gathered. If the group had been photographed, their countenances would have betrayed of which party they were; the legality of the seizure was discussed, precedents quoted, and the feasibility of "rallying round the flag" and retaking her proposed. She anchored in her old place, and the boats put off to board her. "Keep off," cried the sentinel on the wheel-house—"Con caro mas agrio que venagre," as the Mexicans expressed it. Thirty-six armed Mexicans were sent on board, the La Paz cargo and all war material and stores for the army, destined for Mazatlan, were discharged, the steamer bonded and allowed to depart, Whether this is to procure for us the visit of a French man-of-war remains to be seen.

Before the vessel left, the packages enumerated in the annexed certificate were removed and placed on shore:

I, PROSPERO LALASAR BUSTAMENTE, Administrador of the Marine Custom-house of La Paz, Lower California, testifies that, having found on board the North American steamer *John L. Stephens* contraband of war, being conducted to the invasion of the country, I have proceeded to confiscate and put it in the possession of the national authorities. Said contraband of war consists of the following:

U. L.—97 boxes of sabres and guns, that come disguised as hardware; sent by J. CHAVIER to U. LASEPAR.

P. M. J.—Three boxes disguised in the manifest as claret wine; sent by P. MAUREY to the French Consul.

U. L.—One box hardware, consigned to the same LASEPAR.

U. L.—15 boxes hardware, consigned to the same LASEPAR.

Eight barrels powder, that do not appear in the manifest.

Fourteen boxes that do not appear in the manifest, and directed to the Prefect of Mazatlan.

All the above, together with 500 bales of hay, which, as the Captain says, were consigned to the port of Mazatlan, I have obliged him to leave in this port.

At the request of the Captain, and for his own use, I have given this statement at La Paz, L. C., April 9, 1866.

P. S. BUSTAMENTE, Administrador.

DANA now modestly asked the Captain to sign a bond in the sum of $100,000. This was refused, when the sum was lowered to $2,000. Finally $600 in cash was paid and a bond for $1,500 given, when the vessel was released.

The following order for the release of the vessel was issued by DANA:

REPUBLIC OF MEXICO—HEADQUARTERS }
COMANDANTE EN COMMISSION. }

Having seized the North American steamship *John L. Stephens*, under my command, at Cape St. Lucas, the 6th of this month, at 4 A. M., by order of the General of the Republican belligerent forces united in Sinaloa and Jalisco, Catisen RAMON CARONA, I have this day given orders to remove from said vessel the hardware, utensils of war and other things which may belong to the Imperial Government. I have put in entire liberty the vessel, its crew and passengers, to-day at 12 o'clock, so that the may continue their voyage to the ports whither they are bound. I have done this without having molested the property belonging to private citizens.

FRANCISCO F. DANA,
Comandante Esquadron.

Sr. Capitan del Vavor Norte Americano *John L. Stephens*, present.

Some further difficulty occurred, but finally the *Stephens* proceeded to Guaymas from La Paz, reversing her usual route. Her arrival at Mazatlan the 13th, where she had been expected since the 6th, and where all sorts of rumors were afloat respecting her, was the signal for a lively excitement. Capt. WAKEMAN appears to have acted with great courage and shrewdness, and his conduct is warmly indorsed by the passengers.

POLITICAL.

An English View of President Johnson's Policy.

The *Westminster Review* for April contains an able article entitled "The United States Constitution and the Secessionists." The article is written, in the phraseology of the author, from a Northern and essentially "Republican or Free-Soil" point of view, and it clearly sets forth the political connections upon the great national questions which President LINCOLN brought with him into the Executive chair, and defends his policy throughout the war with great clearness of argument. After briefly alluding to the mode in which President JOHNSON was introduced to the vacant Executive seat, the article proceeds in relation to the new President as follows:

Many and bitter were the attacks which had been made on ABRAHAM LINCOLN. The like were now directed against his successor. Neither his character nor his origin was spared. His future policy was denounced beforehand as cruel and sanguinary. ANDREW JOHNSON has given them the most complete of all replies—he has lived them down. He is now known to the world as one of the ablest men of the day. * * * His views of public policy assimilated themselves more and more, as time went on, to those of Mr. President LINCOLN, and finally came into perfect agreement with them. When the latter was elected President a second time, Mr. JOHNSON was elected with him as Vice-President. It was a most wise choice, for he had already shown the qualities of courage and ability. He had remained faithful to the Union, and being as he was a Southern Senator, the Northerners by such a selection clearly showed that it was not against the South, *as such*, that they were fighting, but against the violators of the law and the Constitution. Since his accession to the Presidency he has discharged the duties of his high office with dignity and firmness, and directed the policy with a firmness, moderation and tact which prove him to be a man of no ordinary capacity. The work which Mr. JOHNSON and his Government have had to do has been of the most difficult and delicate kind. Dangers of the most opposite character beset the object to which all their efforts have been directed—that of reconstructing the Union. If too great leniency were shown at first, there was danger of losing in point of fact one of the best fruits of the crisis through which the nation had passed; for to abolish Slavery, and yet leave the future of the former slaves *entirely* in the hands of their old masters, would have been to abolish it only in name. Guarantees were necessary that this should be a *bona fide* abolition, carried into practical effect. It was also just to ask of the South tangible proofs, in some form or another, of its sincerity and loyalty in returning to the Union. On the other hand, it was most desirable, both as a matter of policy and of principle, not to be too severe, or even too exacting. Such a course would have been wrong, and would besides have injured the work of reconstruction, which the United States Government and people earnestly wished to further; it would, moreover, have irritated the South, and indisposed it toward that party among its own citizens which desired to return to their old allegiance in all good faith.

The article then goes on to show that "the Washington Government" has, at least to a very great extent, avoided both these opposite dangers; that it has followed a course which, speaking generally, may be pronounced worthy of an enlightened and free government, and residing in times of no little difficulty over the destinies of a great and Christian people. We again quote:

The element policy of the Washington Government in the hour of victory was further manifested by the fact that no life was forfeited, excepting that of those who were proved to be accomplices in Mr. LINCOLN'S murder, and that of a certain WIRZ, convicted of heinous cruelty toward Northern prisoners incarcerated at Andersonville. Such lenient conduct was but right; yet rarely, if ever, has it marked the close of those civil strifes which have desolated in turn every country of the Old World.

The reception of a numerous and important Southern deputation by Mr. JOHNSON, at the White House, brought out in all their force these noble sentiments of mercy and reconciliation. The deputation waited on him to make known their views and hopes upon the vital question of reconstruction. Nothing could be more kindly, more dignified, or more truly Christian than the words and bearing of the President of the United States upon that occasion. In a speech, couched in noble and expressive language, he expressed the pleasure it gave him to hear the deputation acknowledge the errors of the past. He assured those present of his sincere desire to give back to the South all its rights. He would adhere strictly to the Constitution, maintain it in all its integrity, and make it the means of restoring the Southern States to their former position. The noble feelings expressed by the

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

GERMAN FESTIVAL.

The Opening Fest at Jones' Wood.

In company with some ten thousand festively-inclined Germans and Germano-Americans, we kept the season of Whitsuntide at Jones' Wood, yesterday. The vast majority of the pleasant party were clad in light Summer costume. White trousers were pleasantly conspicuous, and mousselines, calicoes and organdies flourished in extenso.

THE PROCESSION.

At 8 o'clock the districts on the east side of the City, where the Germans principally reside, were the scenes of active preparation for the carnival. Members of the Turner-verein, in their white suits; leaders of the various singing societies, Teutonic cadets with miniature flags, were seen hurrying to and fro to their respective headquarters—Orchard, Essex-street and the Bowery. Half an hour later all the bodies assembled in front of the German Assembly Rooms. They were preceded by effective bands, and each organization presented a fine appearance.

After the necessary arrangements were made, the procession was formed, and proceeded to Jones' Wood in the following order:

Section of Police.
Band.
The Sængerbund or Singing Societies:
Eighteen organizations, each of which carried flags.
Band.
The Scheitzen-Guilder, (sharpshooters,) with various Prizes.
Band.
The Turner-verein.
Various organizations of this Society.
and.
Miscellaneous German Organizations.
Police.

The usual round of gaiety was observed. Dancing, drinking, shooting, drinking, jumping, drinking, scupping, drinking, flirting, drinking, and all that sort of Teutonized merriment which so thoroughly marks the nationality of the participators in the festival. Jones' Woods have changed hands. We don't know who has charge at present, but we do know that the present charges for doubtful beef and very sour Rhine wine are a little beyond the "love your neighbor" mark. Four dollars should procure a moderate couple a satisfactory lunch. The same price paid for a nibble and a sup is not the correct schedule.

The Police are under the mild and dignified sway of Capt. TODD. Tod is an ominous name for a Jones' Wood policeman, but we have no doubt this particular star will be an improvement on the common Tods which are retailed over the counter at ten cents a nip, and which would cheer at half the money.

During the progress of the "merry maze" a wind cloud burst upon the scene. A tornado of dust and wind and sticks and stones and sharp, unpleasant eye-hunting particles filled the air, broke up the mazy and sent the frightened women in droves from the platforms and woods to the hotel (sic.). Presently the rain descended, and beat upon that hotel and those people, also upon the others who would fain have joined their fellows, and other friends under shelter, but could not. Children lost their parents and *vice versa*. Policemen found both, and fed the children on hard bread until the recognized parent appeared. The barkeepers went raving mad, they had so much to do and so little time in which to do it, still they had all the time there was and the best can have no more. Pickpockets of both sexes followed the example of the little busy bee, and improved the windy hour; they gathered purses from many a man and generally got off with the plunder. The musicians were glad, as they needed rest, but the poor waiters were vied with unrequited labor. After the storm came a dance, and at a late hour, when we gracefully retired, the ball was still in motion with no immediate prospect of an end.

CENTRAL PARK IMPROVEMENT.

Petition to the Board of Health for Artificial Spas in the Park.

Dr. JAMES ANDERSON, President of the Academy of Medicine, Dr. GUNNING S. BEDFORD, Dr. AGNEW, Dr. W. H. DRAPER, Dr. B. F. BOWERS, Dr. J. M. CARNOCHAN, Dr. CHEESEMAN, Dr. T. ADDIS EMMET, Dr. HORACE GREEN, Dr. HOSACK, Dr. ALEX. B. MOTT, Dr. RANNEY, and some hundred others of our best-known physicians and surgeons, have signed the following petition to the Board of Health, which will be presented to that body to-day:

NEW-YORK, May 14, 1866.

To the Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN: About two and a half years ago several physicians of this City addressed a petition to the Commissioners of the Central Park, praying them to grant permission to messrs. SCHULTZ & WARNER to dispense their artificial spring waters in the Park. That petition fully expressed the sense of and met with the cordial support of the medical profession; and it was sincerely hoped that the Park Commissioners would cheerfully grant the necessary privileges, and thereby enable the thousands of invalids and invalidity to combine the use of artificial spring waters with exercise in the open air.

The great interest with which, at present, all measures for the improvement of the public health are looked upon by the public, lends fresh importance to the establishment of Artificial Spas in the Park, because in carbonated waters we not only have the most effective and simple means of keeping the digestive organs in a healthful condition, but also the most natural remedies in many affections of the digestive apparatus.

We therefore hope that the Board of Health will fully consider the great benefit which would arise to the public from the establishment of Artificial Spas in the Park, and use its influence and great moral weight with the Commissioners, that they may speedily grant the necessary privileges to Messrs. SCHULTZ & WARNER, the most suitable parties to conduct such an enterprise to the satisfaction of the medical profession. Very respectfully,

(Signed by the names above-mentioned and about one hundred others.)

The parties interested claim that the importance of introducing artificial spas in the Park is at once apparent. Thousands of invalids, convalescents, and visitors generally, would be drawn thither, and derive great benefit by being enabled to partake of medicinal waters in conjunction with exercise in the open air. They could obtain this benefit without undergoing the expense and fatigue of a journey to a crowded watering place, and would remain under the treatment of their family physicians; while with the general public the occasional use of artificial spring waters would greatly tend to improve health and encourage temperate habits.

What action the Board of Health will or can take in the matter we are uninformed, but doubtless the Park Commissioners would listen favorably to any proposition that has their sanction.

Corporation Sale of Real Estate.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Messrs. E. H. LUDLOW & Co. offered for sale at public auction yesterday, at the Exchange Salesroom, a large quantity of real estate belonging to the City.

Most of the property is situated up town in the vicinity of the Central Park and Lexington and Madison avenues.

The attendance at the sale was very large, some two thousand persons being present, among whom were Mr. A. T. STEWART and other large real estate owners. The following lots were disposed of::

Lot n. s. 35th-st., 111 feet west of 5d-av, 20.6x98.9.....	$4,575
Lot n. s. 56th-st., 51 feet east of 6th-av., 25.8x100.5..	6,500
Lots lot n. s. 88th-st., 62 feet east of 4th-av., 32.10 front, and 15.8½ rear, by 101.10 and 100.5.....	8,200
Three lots adjoining above, each 25x100.5.....	7,100
Two lots n. s. 85th-st., 325 feet east of Above, 20x100.5 each.....	8,150
Lot s. e. corner of Lexington-av. and 49th-st., 31.11 front and 92.0 rear, by 100.5.....	10,060
Lot n. e. corner Lexington-av. and 49th-st., 35.9 front and 44.6½ rear, by 100.5.....	14,900
Lot n. w. corner 4th-av. and 67th-st., 25x100.....	6,100
Lot adjoining on 4th-av., 25x100.....	6,300
Lot adjoining on 4th-av., 22x100.....	5,600
Lot adjoining on 4th-av., 26x100.....	6,600
Lot adjoining on 4th-av., 29x100.....	7,400
Lot adjoining on 4th-av., 30x100.....	4,200
Lot adjoining on 4th-av., 25x100.....	4,600
Lot s. w. corner 4th-av. and 68th-st., 25.5x100.....	5,600
Lot n. s. 67th-st., 100 feet w. 4th-av., 22x100.3, each..	5,600
Lot adjoin'g above, 23x100.5.....	5,100
2 lots adjoining above, 25x100.5.....	5,200
Lot adjoining above, 25x100.4.....	5,600
Lot s. s. 68th-st., 100 feet w. 4th-av., 25x100.5.....	6,400
2 lots adjoining above, 25x100.5, each.....	4,800
Lot adjoining above, 25x100.5.....	5,100
Lot adjoining above, 24x100.5.....	5,300
3 lots adjoining above, 25x100.5 each.....	5,200
Lot s. e. corner Madison-av. and 68th-st., 26x100.....	10,000
Lot adjoining above on Madison-av., 25x100.....	7,500
Lot adjoining above on Madison-av., 25x100.....	7,450
Lot adjoining above on Madison-av., 26x100.....	7,800
Lot adjoining above on Madison-av., 25x100.....	7,500
Lot adjoining above on Madison-av., 25x100.....	7,500
Lot adjoining above on Madison-av., 25x100.....	7,500
Lot n. e. corner 5th-av. and 67th-st., 25.5x100.....	21,250
Lot adjoining on 5th-av., 25x100.....	16,400
2 lots adjoining on 5th-av., 25x100, each.....	16,100
2 lots adjoining on 5th-av., 25x100, each.....	15,900
Lot s. e. corner 5th-av. and 68th-st., 25.5x100.....	20,200

The sale, which it is estimated will realize two millions or dollars, will be continued to-day.

Proposed Removal of Stoops from Nassau-street.

The Committee of the Board of Aldermen who have under consideration a resolution ordering the removal from Nassau-street of all areas, stoops, &c., projecting more than eighteen inches from the house line, met yesterday morning.

Mr. DALY appeared on behalf of several of the occupants of buildings in Nassau-street. He thought that the benefit to be derived from the proposed measure would be outweighed by the damages done. The cost of removing the stoops, &c., would be very great to the owners of property. Mr. DALY proposed, as one means of accommodating the travel on the street, the rescinding of all resolutions granting persons permission to have fruit-stands on the sidewalks. Public porters should also be removed from the street. Mr. DALY said there were very many fruit-venders occupying the sidewalk of Nassau-street. Among that class of persons the street is considered a most eligible site, and their stands are in the crowded and narrow places. One fact which the Common Council should remember is, that the owners of property on Nassau-street have built, and the occupants have leased for a long term of years, with the impression that there would be no change in the street. If the measure proposed were adopted, workmen would occupy so much of the street for several months, in making changes in buildings, that trade would be almost entirely driven away.

Alderman ELY asked Mr. DALY what proportion of the cellars in Nassau-street were occupied by tenants who did not have the first floors of the buildings.

Mr. DALY thought about 75 per cent.

Mr. ELY replied that he thought less than 50 per cent. of the cellars on the street were thus occupied. As it would be desirable to know the exact facts in the case, the Committee agreed to adjourn until one week from Thursday next, in order to give the persons interested in the matter an opportunity to make measurements of the basement fronts on Nassau-street occupied by persons who do not rent the upper parts of the buildings.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Department of Charities and Correction—The Comptroller Requested to Conform to the Law—A Request for Information.

This Board met at 2 o'clock P. M., yesterday, Mr. BRUCE in the chair.

A resolution was offered by Alderman COMAN authorizing the Comptroller to purchase a site for the offices of the Department of Public Charities and Correction within the boundaries of Bleecker-street on the south, Twenty-third-street on the north, and Second and Sixth avenues on the east and west.

It was referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

A preamble and resolution were submitted by Mr. ELY to the effect that whereas the law requires that all leases granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall be certified by the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council under the seal of the City; and whereas, for reasons unknown to the Common Council, the Comptroller has failed to submit such leases to the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council, that the Comptroller be required to conform to the law in this matter.

The paper was adopted.

A resolution by Mr. EYRES was adopted requesting the Comptroller to inform the Board why he has not complied with their request to submit to the Board a detailed statement of all piers, ferries, &c., owned by the City, the leases of which expire this year, the time for which they were leased, the amounts paid, names of the lessees, &c.

The Board then adjourned to Monday next.

The New Post-office.

This afternoon, Messrs. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, JACKSON S. SCHULTZ, S. G. COURTNEY, MOSES TAYLOR, JAMES KELLY, —— RUSSELL and A. A. LOW, the Committee on selecting a site for a new Post-office, will hold their first meeting. A bill creating a Commission to select and purchase a site and erect a building for Post-office purposes in this City, was introduced by Mr. HENRY J. RAYMOND into the House of Representatives on the 8th of January last, and named as such Commission the Postmaster, the Mayor and the President of the Chamber of Commerce of New-York. But the bill as reported by Mr. ALLEY, from the Post-office Committee, on the 14th of February, enlarged the Commission and limited its powers. This bill was passed, and by it the Mayor and Postmaster of the City of New-York, the United States District Attorney in this City, the President of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. JACKSON S. SCHULTZ were appointed to select a proper site for the office and building of accommodating the Post-office and the United States Courts in this City, and it was made the duty of this Commission to report to the Postmaster-General and Secretary of the Interior. These Secretaries approving, are to submit the report to Congress.

Thus it may be seen that even if the New-York Commissioners should unanimously pitch upon a proper site for the new Post-office building, there would be no certainty of the purchase of the site selected by them. But it is hardly probable that the Commission will agree upon a site. For, as the reader may observe, two very influential representatives of Wall-street, have been added to the Commission since the passage by the House of the bill as reported by Mr. ALLEY, and it is understood that at least three of the Wall-street gentlemen will urge the retention of the Post-office on its present site. Gossip does not venture to say whether they will also insist upon perpetuating the existing hugely ornamental Post-office edifice. It is believed that Mayor HOFFMAN and Mr. SCHULTZ favor the taking of the block in the Park bounded by Park-row, Broadway, and a line from the northern corner of Beekman-street and Park-row across to the northwestern corner of Broadway and Barclay-street.

A number of clergymen waited upon Mr. SCHULTZ a day or two since, and urged him to ask that the City Hall be taken for a General Post-office, and that a new City Hall be built in Madison-square; and this measure they urged as the beginning of municipal reform. They said: "Thirty years ago, when business men dwelt in the neighborhood of the City Hall, they frequently dropped into the Council Chambers and listened to the evening debates of the City's legislators. The office of Alderman then, when our best citizens frequented the City Hall, was a position to which honor attached. Now, if you move the City Government up to the inhabited regions of the City, our best influential citizens may drop into the hall while the Boards are in session, and our Aldermen and Councilmen, with tax-payers observing their proceedings, will essentially change their tactics."

The meeting of the Post-office Commission, this afternoon, is not to be public.

POLICE COURTS.

Jefferson Market—Before Justices Ledwith and Dodge.

THEFT OF A HORSE AND WAGON.

Mr. FRANCIS SHORT, residing at No. 293 Henry-street, went with his wife to High Bridge, on the Harlem River, during Sunday afternoon. On their arrival there, about 5 o'clock P. M., Mr. SHORT entered the Woodbine Hotel, leaving his horse and light wagon standing outside. On coming out again a few minutes after, he discovered that the equipage, valued at $400, was gone. The Police were informed of the fact through the telegraph, and search was made for the lost property. JOHN REESE, of No. 8 Amity-place, while passing through Thompson-street, about 12 o'clock the same night, was hailed by FRANCIS ROCKWELL, who requested him to take the horse and wagon to CROW's stable near by. He complied, but the people at the stable refused to receive it, and advised REESE to take it to the Eighth Ward Station-house, in Wooster-street. Sergt. REID and officer KELLY, of the Eighth Precinct, received the stolen property, and subsequently succeeded in arresting ROCKWELL. On his being brought before the Court the prisoner was held for trial at the Court of General Sessions in default of $2,000 bail. The accused is 24 years of age, and a native of this City.

PICKPOCKETS ON A HOBOKEN FERRY-BOAT.

JAMES T. BOLTON, residing at No. 64 Vandam-street, while crossing the Hoboken Ferry on Sunday, in company with his brother, felt some one give him a push, and at the same time felt a hand in his pantaloons pocket, where he had a pocket-book containing $106 in Treasury notes and national currency. Mr. BOLTON put his own hand down and caught hold of the intrusive digits, when he found they belonged to THOMAS DOWN. As he seized DOWN, his brother also caught a seeming confederate named WM. BOYLE, who was attempting to rescue DOWN. Both were afterward handed over to the custody of Officers BUCKwood and SANDS, of the Ninth Precinct. On being arraigned before the Court, the accused were remanded for examination.

A BURGLARY DISCOVERED.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, who was arrested on Sunday morning by Officer STEVENSON, of the Eighth Precinct, in Bronome-street, for having in his possession a number of burglar's tools and a quantity of millinery feathers, was yesterday charged with having committed a burglary on the premises of Mr. LOUIS HALLEN, of No. 29 Howard-street, Mr. HALLEN having identified the feathers found in the possession of the prisoner as his property, stating their value to be $500. The prisoner was held for trial on both charges, bail being refused by the Court. Credit is due the officer making the arrest for vigilance in the discharge of his duty.

The Tombs—Before Justice Dowling.

BURGLARY IN THE EIGHTH-AVENUE.

On Tuesday evening last, the 15th instant, the premises No. 455 Eighth-avenue, occupied by LYON VAN COLLEN as a cloak-store, was forcibly entered by burglars, who broke open a rear window and carried off seventy-five silk cloaks and forty lace mantillas, valued in the aggregate to $910. So skillfully was the burglary effected that no trace could be gained of the perpetrators until a day or two since, when the Sixth Ward Police received information to the effect that the goods stolen from Mr. VAN COLLEN could be found on the premises occupied by JULIUS METZLER, at No. 11 Broome-street. Acting on this information, a search was instituted, which resulted in the recovery of all the property carried off by the thieves. METZLER was arrested by Capt. JOURDAN, and admitted to bail to await an examination.

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER.

WILLIAM LYNCH, the proprietor of a gift jewelry-store at No. 430 Broadway, caused the arrest of JOHN H. WRIGHT, an officer attached to the Broadway squad, and JAMES P. WALKER, a well-known politician in the Nineteenth Ward, the charge against the accused being that of false pretences. In his affidavit the complainant stated that WALKER came into his premises on the 16th inst. and brought a gutta-percha pencil, and afterward proposed that they should play "three-card monte." LYNCH agreed, and won $110 from his customer. This so enraged WALKER that he went out and secured the services of Officer WRIGHT to effect LYNCH's arrest. While LYNCH and his clerk, JOHN MEADE, were getting ready to accompany the officer, WALKER said the matter could be settled very easily, and on being urged replied that it might be done for $200, representing that he was Capt. JAMES O'BRIEN, of the Twenty-first Ward, and that he lived at No. 116 East Forty-ninth-street. LYNCH demurred to paying so much, but it was finally arranged for $100, Officer WRIGHT being present when the money was paid. As WALKER gave a wrong name and a fictitious residence, the complainant charges him and the officer with false pretences. Both the accused were required to find bail in the sum of $1,000 to answer the charge. JAMES W. CULYER, of No. 132 Nassau-street, became surety for WALKER, and BENJAMIN WRIGHT, of No. 151 East Fifty-third-street, entered into bonds for the officer. They both deny their guilt.

Essex Market—Before Justice Mansfield.

A BURGLAR CAUGHT.

Just before daylight yesterday morning THOMAS CORCORAN made a forcible entrance into the building No. 295 East Tenth-street, occupied by WM. E. BOARDMAN as a dwelling. After gaining the interior the burglar coolly packed up a quantity of domestic silverware and started off with it. As he emerged from the premises he was observed by Officer MCILLAIGHT, of the Seventeenth Precinct, who attempted to arrest him. CORCORAN endeavored to escape, but he was ultimately secured after a sharp chase of several blocks. After the thief had been secured, the officer picked up all of the stolen silver-ware, which it had been thrown by the prisoner in his flight. CORCORAN was yesterday arraigned before the Court and committed for trial in default of $2,000 bail. He is a bricklayer by trade, and 21 years of age.

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Distinction between Private and General Laws—The Character of a State Law is Determined by the Cotemporary Judgment of the Proper Authorities—Action Based on the Faith of that Judgment Binds the State and Concludes the Courts—A Question Certified to this Court not Involving a Distinct Legal Point will not be Entertained.

Wm. F. Havemeyer vs. *The Board of Supervisors of the County of Iowa.*—The Constitution of the State of Wisconsin requires that all general laws shall be published before they become operative and in force; that the laws shall be classified by the Attorney-General and Secretary of State into two classes—the one to embrace all laws of a "general nature," joint resolutions and memorials; the other to include all laws required to be published which are not embraced in and published with the laws composing the former class.

In March, 1853, the State Legislature passed "An act to authorize the counties and towns through which the Mineral Point Railroad passes to aid in its construction," and in pursuance of the forms prescribed by that law, an election was held in Iowa County, and it was thereupon determined to issue bonds by the county in aid of the construction of the road. Such bonds were issued accordingly, and exchanged for the bonds of the Mineral Point Railroad Company; and subsequently to the issuing and exchange of stock, the law authorizing such action was published by the proper authority as a pricate *and local law.*

In 1854 the Legislature authorized similar aid by certain towns in the construction of a plank-road, by subscribing for its stock; and an election was had and subscriptions made, before the publication of the law, as in this case. The question of the validity of that act was taken before the Supreme Court of the State, and it was here held that the act of 1854 was a private statute, and the validity of the bonds was sustained by the unanimous opinion of the Court.

In 1859, after all the bonds issued by the defendant in this action had been issued, a new bench of Judges held that laws authorizing the issuance of municipal bonds were not private laws, nor yet public local acts; but were general laws, not in force until published in some manner provided by law.

These bonds, to the amount of many thousand dollars, having come into the hands of the plaintiff, Ex-Mayor Havemeyer, of this City, action was brought in the Federal Courts for Wisconsin to recover the amount of the coupons attached—the defendant having refused payment, taking the position justified by the recent judgment of the Court, that the bonds were issued without authority of law, and were therefore void. Upon coming before the Court there was a division of opinion upon certain questions, stated below, which were certified up to this court for decision.

By the Court—Mr. Justice SWAYNE delivering the opinion:

The case came into this Court from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Wisconsin, upon a certificate that the Judges of that Court were opposed in opinion to the following questions:

1. Whether the said act of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, entitled "An Act to authorize the counties and towns through which the Mineral Point Railroad passes, to aid in its construction, (approved March 23, 1858,)" under which these bonds were issued, is a general law within the meaning of section 21 of article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

2. Whether the said act not being published as a general act, and having been first published after the passage in the volume of local and private laws for the fourth day of October, 1859, and after the issuing of the bonds, is not such an exercise of power by the State Government or Legislature, showing that the act is not a general act, as is binding on the courts.

3. Whether, if the said act is such a general law, any act or omission of the said county, its officers, or electors, short of an election under the act, after the act was published in October, 1858, will render the bonds valid, or stop the defendant from questioning their validity in the hands of a *bona fide* holder.

In the view which we have taken of the first two questions they may properly be considered together.

Article 7, section 21 of the Constitution of Wisconsin, provides that "no general law shall be in force until published."

The 13th section of the Act of 1853 makes it the duty of the Secretary of State and the Attorney-General to divide all laws passed by the Legislature into two classes, and directs that each class shall be published in a separate volume; that the first class shall include laws of a *general nature;* the second class, all laws which are not included in the first class; and that "the title pages of the respective volumes shall express whether they contain acts of a general nature, or the private and local acts," &c.

The question upon which the questions here under consideration arise, was passed subsequently to the taking effect of this act.

The Secretary of State and the Attorney-General decided that it was not a general law, but a local act, and it was classified accordingly; but the volume containing it was not published until after the action which gave rise to it authorized, had been taken and the bonds had been issued.

The decision as to the character of the act was made by those upon whom the law devolved that duty. It is not claimed that it was not fairly made, nor is it denied that it was in accordance with the rule which had prevailed down to that time, and which prevailed subsequently until the Supreme Court passed upon the subject, in the case of the State against Leon, which was decided in the year 1859.

This action is conclusive as to the Executive Department of the Government in relation to that period, and it was entitled to the greater weight from the fact that the highest law officer of the State participated in the decision.

The subject came incidentally under the consideration of the Supreme Court of the State in Hewett vs. The Town of Grand Chute,—7 Wisconsin, 282. The question in that case was whether a tax levied upon specific taxation in the one under which these securities were issued, as regards the question before us, was pleaded as a private act should be. The question whether *it was a private act* was not made in the case. That was impliedly conceded by the counsel on both sides. The Court say: "The cause of action is founded upon a *private statute*, or rather upon certain instruments or contracts in writing, which derive their validity from such *private statute*. By the common law it was necessary to set out such statute in the declaration, otherwise the Court would not take notice of its provisions; unlike, in this respect, a public statute of which the Court was bound to take judicial notice, though the latter were not pleaded. But section [69 of the code of procedure provides as follows: In pleading a private statute, or a right derived therefrom, it shall be sufficient to refer to such statute by its title and the day of its passage, and the Court shall thereupon take judicial notice thereof. In this case the plaintiff, in his complaint, did refer to the statute from which this right was derived by reference to its title and the day of its passage, and he thus brought the whole statute within the judicial knowledge of the Court, &c."

Here was a clear judicial recognition by the highest court of the State, in accordance with the previous determination of the Executive Department. The Executive and Judicial Departments were in harmony on the subject. This case was decided in 1858. It shows the understanding of the bar and the bench down to that time.

Prior to that period no intimation had been given by any department of the Government that such statutes were to be regarded otherwise than as local in their character, and broadly distinguished from general laws within the meaning of the Constitution.

The subsequent adjudications in the State *vs.* Law, 9 Wis. 479, decided in 1859, and the cases which followed it, hold that such statutes are "of a general nature," and have no validity until published. But being long posterior to the time when the securities were issued, they can have no effect upon our decision and may be laid out of view.

The bonds bear date on the 26th of July, 1853. We can look to the condition of things which subsisted when they were sold. That brings them within the rule laid down by this Court in Gelpeke *vs.* The City of Dubuque, 1 Wallace, 175. In that case it was held that if the contract when made was valid by the Constitution and laws of the State, as then expounded by the highest authorities whose duty it was to administer them, no subsequent action by the Legislature or judiciary can impair its obligation. This rule was established upon the most careful consideration. We think it rests upon a solid foundation, and we feel no disposition to depart from it. Whether the statute under consideration is intrinsically general or local in its character is a question which we have not found it necessary to consider.

The third question presents an abstract proposition. No facts are disclosed in the record which show that it had arisen, or can hereafter arise in the case. Under such circumstances, it is the settled practice of this court to decline to answer. It is necessary that the question should involve a distinct legal point, and that sufficient facts should be set forth to show its bearing upon the rights of the parties—(Crocker et al. vs. Newton, 18 How., 581; United States *vs.* The City Bank of Columbus, 19 How., 385.)

In this case all the facts relied upon as operating to ratify should have been set forth. Any point of disagreement between the judges relating to the subject would then have appeared in its proper light, and could have been definitely answered. As the question is presented, the answer, if given, would be equally general, and, like the question, a mere abstraction which could subserve no useful purpose in the further progress of the cause.

The answer to the first and second questions certified up will be, that under the circumstances the statute referred to must be held in this case to be a local and not a general law.

To the third question, for the reasons stated, no answer will be given.

An order will be remitted to the District Court in conformity with this opinion.

Matt. H. Carpenter for plaintiff; E. G. Ryan for defendants.

The Noelte Extradition Case.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Newton.

The case of Carl Noelte was resumed yesterday, when Mr. Thompson, the Deputy United States Marshal, made the following return upon the warrant for the arrest of the accused:

"I hereby further certify and return that on the 2d day of February, 1866, I served a copy of the annexed warrant on John Kelly, Esq., Sheriff of the City and County of New-York, who had at that time, and still has the custody of the said Carl Noelte, and demanded from him the delivery to me of the said Carl Noelte, and said Sheriff refused and declined to deliver said Noelte to me, on the ground that he held him by virtue of the order of arrest issued by one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of New-York; that on the 3d day of February, 1866, said Carl Noelte, as the undersigned is informed by the said Sheriff, is also held by him under another order of arrest, issued on the 3d day of February, 1866, at the suit of Mary Klippenstein, for $1,000, to said Sheriff by one of the Justices of the Superior Court, of the City and County of New-York; that such last-mentioned order of arrest was subsequent to the service of a copy of the annexed warrant on said Sheriff, and demanded from him said Noelte, under the within warrant; that the first mentioned order of arrest has been discharged and discontinued, and was on discharged on the 19th day of May, 1866, and that said Sheriff still declines and refuses to deliver to the undersigned the said Noelte under the said warrant, and that the undersigned cannot arrest said Noelte by virtue of said warrant.

DATED MAY 21, 1866. ROBERT MURRAY,
United States Marshal, Southern District of New-York.

Mr. Lapaugh excepted to the return. From the turn which the United States Marshal had given to this case, he deemed it proper to review the course which it had taken. Under the treaty for the extradition of such criminals as Noelte, made in 1853, it was provided that they should be given up on a proper requisition. Nothing was more clear and explicit than this provision, and this treaty is by the Constitution the supreme law of the land. Not only by the language of the Constitution, but in the opinions of all the commentators, it is paramount, and any State law contravening it is null and void. This was enough of itself; but by the law of 1848 it was provided that, on proper application, the Judges and Commissioners should issue their warrant to produce the alleged fugitives forthwith. That was done in this case, and it is admitted that a sufficient cause was made out for the production of Noelte, and that the warrant is in conformity with the law. That warrant was delivered by himself to the Marshal on the 2d day of February, and he (counsel) demanded that it should be executed forthwith, and he was promised it should be executed on the next day. The Marshal did not produce Noelte on the next day, but instead, made a return that the Sheriff held him, and under advice of his counsel refused to surrender him. That return was held not good, and the Marshal asked for time. That return had been substantially repeated, from time to time, down to the 18th of May. The counsel believed at the time that the warrant was insufficient, and that the Marshal should have produced a copy of the warrant under which the Sheriff professed to hold the prisoner. He had been informed that such useless methods of bringing up prisoners had been common. He did not believe a single case of the kind could be found. He (counsel) could not but think that, under all the circumstances, the Marshal had neglected his duty. That Mary Klippenstein had been the mistress of Noelte for over three months. On the arrival of Klippenstein, Noelte and others here were arrested at once. Klippenstein and Noelte afterward occupied quarters together. When it was found out that there was a warrant issued for Noelte's arrest for extradition, Klippenstein swore out an affidavit upon which an order of arrest was granted in the Common Pleas against Noelte. Klippenstein, in her affidavit, says she was afraid that Noelte might be removed from the jurisdiction of this Court. He had been informed that Klippenstein was determined to prosecute her suit against Noelte in the Common Pleas. Does it not tinge the mind with anger when it is known that the United States Marshal, as he once said, "had the power of the army and navy at his back," bowed to accept of the Sheriff of our local Government and said: "Well, Mr. Sheriff, by your consent, I will go into Court, and look upon the prisoner." In conclusion Mr. Lapaugh said the Marshal makes return that subsequent to the 2d of February an order of arrest was issued in the Superior Court in favor of Mary Klippenstein *vs.* Noelte; but the Marshal says he could not serve the warrant without violence. The order of arrest was unquestionably granted upon a civil action, for promise made by Noelte in Prussia, which he failed to keep. In a clear view of this case and the Extradition Treaty, nothing in the shape of civil process can counteract the demands made under that treaty. He submitted that this return was insufficient, for the reason that the issue of the warrant in the civil suit was subsequent to the warrant issued by the United States Commissioner. The execution of the warrant was incompatible with the laws of the United States. The return did not show that there had been any compliance with the law looking to the execution of the warrant. The laws of the United States directed the Marshal to serve all processes within his jurisdiction, and to accomplish this, had authority to call to his assistance the posse comitatus. The Marshal could only be excused from not serving this warrant by showing that he had exhausted his powers; that he had either undertaken it himself, or some of his deputies, and had failed from want of the necessary force. If the Marshal needed force to serve this warrant, the law gave him the power to procure the necessary aid and force to issue the process. From outside sources he learned that the warrant was issued in the case of one Mayer against Noelte and others. Again and again the Marshal promised to bring forward this outside paper. Delay after delay occurred until it became apparent that the patience of those representing the Prussian Government was being abused. An opinion of the late lamented District-Attorney was obtained. He met the Marshal and the then Assistant District-Attorney, since, in accordance with his merits, appointed District-Attorney, relative to the matter. He read the warrant to the Marshal, and it was seen by Mr. Courtney, and his opinion then was that the only obstacle to the execution of the warrant was the paper in the case of Meyer. The counsel asked about the warrant in the second case of Mary Klippenstein *vs.* Carle Noelte, and was told it would be no obstacle. The Marshal requested counsel to procure an order discharging the order of arrest in the first place. Counsel had a right to rely on the official assurances of the Marshal, and communicated the facts to the Prussian Government, correspondence took place in relation to it, and notwithstanding their belief in the nullity of this obstacle, the revocation of that order was procured. The effect of the writ on the Klippenstein suit was repeatedly discussed, and the discharge of this order was procured on the personal assurances of Mr. Murray. On the 18th of May they produced the certified copy of the order discharging that arrest to Marshal Murray, and the Marshal informed him he would produce the prisoner on that day at 12 M. At twelve the prisoner was not there, but the Marshal promised that if an adjournment was had to the next day the prisoner should be produced. What is the return on the 19th? "By consent of the Sheriff, &c." &c. Counsel regarded this as a shifting return. The Court refused to hear such a return. And what was the excuse? "That force might be required" to execute it. Mr. Lapaugh then read the law of 1798, prescribing the duties of the Marshal, and giving him power to "command all necessary assistance in the execution of warrants." The warrant of the Marshal being prior in time to the Klippenstein warrant, should have been executed. The reason given for its non-execution was the want of force; the law provides force. On the 19th of May, after the proceedings in the Court the Marshal had said to him he had done him a favor. He (the Marshal) would do nothing more without a direct warrant from Washington; and he would be cut, &c., &c., if he charge a thing for a Government official to threaten; he could have no fight with the counsel; he only acted subject to a superior as high as the Marshal's superiors. He should like as a matter of curiosity to see the consent; he was told there had been a conference between the Marshal and the Sheriff and the counsel for the prisoner as to whether the order for extradition should be executed, and it was made out, it would be obeyed; he had been informed that Messrs. Brown, Hall & Vanderpool had given an opinion that in such case he would be delivered; he had called on Mr. Brown and was informed that no such opinion had been delivered. This return can never be regarded as sufficient; the Marshal must show that he has undertaken the arrest of Noelte, or other process, to produce upon production. He therefore submitted that the Marshal should state officially why this man was not produced.

Mr. Clinton, associate counsel for Noelte, replied that the civil process on which Noelte was detained by the Sheriff was a valid cause for such detention, and that until action was had upon the writ of warrant issued by the United States Government would produce any more satisfactory return than the warrants already issued.

Mr. Lapaugh repeated his former arguments, and concluded by demanding, in the name of the Prussian Government, the production of the fugitive.

The Commissioner said he should hold the return insufficient, and should direct the Marshal obey forthwith the warrant heretofore committed to him.

Prize Cases.

Before the Prize Commissioners.

Yesterday Mr. Ethan Allen, Assistant United States District Attorney, appeared before the Prize Commissioners in regard to the final report of the Commissioners in the suits of the United States *vs.* the steamer *Stephen Hart*, the steamer *Duero*, the *Sally Magee*, and the *Mary Clinton*, all prize vessels, captured during the late war. These vessels were all condemned by Judge Betts in the United States District Court, but on appeal was taken to the United States Supreme Court, where the matter has been tied up till the present time. The Supreme Court having confirmed the decree of condemnation in the lower Court, the object of Mr. Allen's appearance before the Commissioners was to hurry up their report as to the vessels entitled to shares, and thus enable the meritorious seamen to obtain their interest in the captures, which had been so long delayed. The aggregate value of the prizes and cargoes is over $500,000.

United States Commissioners' Office.

Before Commissioner Betts.

The case of Thomas Loftus, *alias* Boyle, charged with obtaining money from the Government by fraudulent representations, was resumed yesterday. The prisoner made no defence, and the charge having been clearly proved, the Commissioner committed him to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Important Suit Growing Out of the Great Incendiary Fire Among the Shipping on the North River in December, 1863—Questions of Salvage, Verbal Contracts, Tender, &c.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III—MAY 21.

Before Justice Foster and a Jury.

Charles H. McDonald vs. *Matthew White.*—This action was brought to recover the sum of about $5,000, alleged to be due to the plaintiff from the defendant, under the following circumstances as they appear by the pleadings, and as they have been developed by the testimony given during the trial:

About midday of the 9th of December, 1863, a fire broke out among some straw on board of a barges lying in the vicinity of Christopher and Tenth streets, North River. In the basin, and all around the piers, in that immediate neighborhood, there were at the time, lying several hundreds of water craft, such as barges, canal-boats, sloops, schooners, &c. Nearly all of them were laden with hay, straw, oats, and other kind of forage, destined for the Union army. The wind at the time was blowing a steady gale, and owing to the highly combustible nature of the material, the fire soon spread with a rapidity truly alarming, and for twenty hours seemed to defy the combined efforts of firemen, police, insurance companies and citizens. At the time and since, the authorities doubted not that the incendiary torch was applied by the hands of rebel sympathizers and rebel spies in this City, for the purpose of crippling the Union army by cutting off supplies of forage destined for the Army of the Potomac. Hundreds of craft were burned to the water's edge, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of valuable property were either burned or sunk to the bottom of the Hudson. Among the vessels burned was the schooner *Alexander Law*, lying near the foot of Tenth-street, heavily-loaded with oats, which had been shipped by a Mr. Byland to fill a Government contract. When the fire had consumed the schooner and cargo down to the water, the sank in from fifteen to twenty feet water. The oats or a portion of them were insured in the Columbian Insurance Company. In about a week after the fire Mr. Byland, the owner of the oats, abandoned them to the Insurance Company, the abandonment was accepted by the latter soon after in pursuance of the rules of the company, and Mr. Byland received the amount of his insurance thereon. Some weeks after, the plaintiff entered into a contract to raise the schooner's hull. During the progress of the work, he claims that he made an arrangement with Mr. Morris, who was then President of the Columbian Insurance Company, to give $300

Pork, 998 pkgs. Cut Meats, 335 pkgs. Lard, and 18 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Continue in fair request, at $7 25 for Pots, and $13 75@$14 for Pearls, ₱ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is in moderate demand at steady prices. We quote: Java at 25½c.@26c., Native Ceylon at 21c.@23c., Maracaibo at 19c.@22c., Laguayra at 18½c.@20c., Rio at 15½c.@20½c., and St. Domingo at 17¼c.@ 17½c., cash, in gold, ₱ ₱ Sales, 1 250 bags.

COTTON—Is in fair demand at buoyant prices. Middlings are quoted at from 36½c.@40c., chiefly within this range, ₱ lb. Sales since our last 2,650 bales, against receipts of 64 bales.

Movements in Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts since May 1, 1866	14,026
Receipts since Jan. 1, 1866	295,074
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1865	750,123
Exports since Sept. 1, 1865	449,481

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report, to-day, has been as follows: *Jobbers' Prices*—Brown Sheetings—Stark A, 20c.; Stark M, 18c.; Shetucket A, 14c.; Shetucket F, 13c. Bleached Shirtings—Bates, 18c.; Bates B B, 26½c.; Anthony Manufacturing Company, 25c.; Manville, 24c. Prints—Sprague, 18c.; Richmond, 17c.; Dunnell, 16c., Wamsutta, 13½c. Hoop Skirts—Bradley's Duplex Elliptic 20 to 80 Hoops, 87½ to 105, Empress Trail, $1 25; S. T. and A. T. Meyers I X L, 14in. tapes, 20 to 40 hoops, 40@70c.; 3in. tapes, 20 to 40 hoops, 60c.@$1 10. Corsets—Thomson's French woven C c, @$11 40@$12 60 gold. Shirts—W L Standard Dress, No. 150, $30; J W L Standard Dress, No. 450, $40. Ticks—Easton A, 30c.; Easton B, 27½c. Denims—York, 50c.; Wide World, 30c. Cassimeres—S and M, 67½c.; York, 32½c. Canton Flannels—Salmon Falls bleached, 40c.; Nashua brown, 25c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—There has been rather more activity in State and Western Flour. Low grades have been freely offered at easier and irregular prices, especially extra State brands, for which the prevailing inquiry is quite moderate. Most of the so-called extra State on the market is really "stumptail" Flour—made of unsound and "doctored" Spring Wheat. Of unmistakably sound State Flour, the offering is comparatively limited, and holders evince considerable firmness. Medium and high grades are less urgently pressed for sale, and are in pretty fair request at the ruling figures. Sales since our last, 8,100 bbls., including common to choice Superfine State and Western at $7@$7 80; very poor to choice Extra State at $7 80@$9 40, chiefly at $7 90@$8 60; round-hoop Extra Ohio, poor to good shipping brands at $9 @$9 60 ₱ bbl. We now quote:

Superfine State and Western	$7 00	@$7 80
Extra State	7 80	@ 9 40
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	8 10	@13 00
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands	9 00	@ 9 60
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	9 70	@14 00
Extra Genesee	9 45	@12 75

Poor to very choice extra Missouri...10 70 @17 00

Southern Flour has been in very moderate demand, and tending downward. Sales since our last, 600 bbls., in lots, at $10 25@$11 75 for poor to good, and $11 80@$17 for good to very choice extra brands, ₱ bbl. Canadian Flour is in demand, and steady. Sales 300 bbls. Extra at $8 60@ $14 ₱ bbl. Rye Flour continues heavy, including Superfine at $6@$6 50 ₱ bbl; sales 300 bbls. Corn Meal is in less demand at $5 85 @$4 for Western, $4 for Jersey, $4 25 for Marsh's Calhoric, and $4@$4 35 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl. Sales, 220 bbls.

GRAIN—There has been a more urgent inquiry for prime Wheat to-day, chiefly for Club, which has advanced decidedly, closing with a buoyant market, and light offerings. Sales since our last 27,000 bushels, including Old Amber Michigan at $2 50; No. 1 Milwaukie Club at $1 95@$2; choice being held much higher per bushel. One load of handsome Club an offer of $2 05 ₱ bushel was refused. Corn has been in good request at firmer prices. Sales since our last 97,000 bushels at 77c.@80c. for unsound, and 80c.@ 84c., in store and delivered, for sound new and old mixed Western, 84c. for round yellow, and 85c. for Western dc. ₱ bushel. Oats are more in demand and dearer, including State, at 64c.@65c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania at 58c.@59c.; old Western at 60c.@61c. in store and delivered; new Western at 49c.@54c. ₱ bush.; sales 61,000 bushels. Rye, Barley and Barley Malt are dull and nominal.

HAY—North River bale is in fair demand, at 65c. @95c. for poor to choice, ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are in request and buoyant, including last year's crop, at 15c.@65c., and two years' old at 8c.@30c. ₱ lb.

LATHS—Eastern are in demand at $4 ₱ thousand.

MOLASSES—Is in demand and steady, including New-Orleans, at 35c.@$1 10; Porto Rico at 60c.@75c.; Cuba at 38c.@50c. ₱ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Have been quiet to-day, including Spirits of Turpentine, at 86c.@$1 ₱ gallon; Crude do. at $3 55@$5 25; Resin at $3 50@$11 75 ₱ 280 lbs.; Tar at $2 25@$2 50 ₱ bbl.

OILS—Have been in fair demand and held firmly, including Crude Whale, at $1 15; Bleached Whale at $1 25@$1 30; Crude Sperm at $2 30@$2 35; Unbleached do. at $2 50@$2 55; Lard Oil at $1 90@$2; Red Oil at 86c.@88c.; Linseed Oil at $1 57@$1 61 ₱ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Is dull and heavy, at 26¼c.@27c. for Crude, 42c.@43c. for Refined, in bond, and 59c. @61c. for do., free, ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—There was considerable speculative activity in new Mess Pork to-day, at lower and irregular prices; but in other kinds transactions were restricted, and prices were more or less nominal. Sales since our last 10,650 bbls., in lots, at $30 25@$31 for new Mess, closing at $30 25 cash; 296@ $29 50 for one year old Mess; $26 75@27 for new Prime Mess; $24 25@$24 50 for new Prime, ₱ bbl. Sales were also made of 5,500 bbls. new Mess, May, June, July and August delivery, sellers' and buyers' options, at $29 25@$30 87½ ₱ bbl. Cut Meats are in moderate demand at 12½c.@13¼c. for Shoulders and 17¾c.@18¼c. for Hams; sales 490 pkgs. Bacon continues quiet, including Cumberland Cut at 14½c.@14¾c.; Short Rib at 15¼c.@16c.; Long Middles at 15c.@15½c.; Long Clear, 15¾c.@16c.; Short Clear, 16¾c.@16¾c. ₱ lb.; sales 117 boxes. Dressed Hogs are dull and heavy at 12¾c.@13c. ₱ lb. Lard continues inactive and heavy; sales 640 tcs. and bbls. at 19c.@22c. ₱ lb. Beef is in fair demand at $16@$20 50 for new Plain Mess, and $21@$24 50 for new extra do.; sales have been reported of 740 bbls. Tierce Beef continues inactive. Beef Hams are scarce and quiet at $47@$48 ₱ bbl. Sales 86 bbls. Butter continues dull and heavy at 35c.@45c. for State, and 30c.@42½c. for Western, ₱ lb. Cheese rules quiet, at 10c.@22c. ₱ lb.

SUGARS—Have been in good demand and firm. Sales since our last 1,076 hhds., including Cuba, &c., at from 10c.@12½c.; and 235 boxes Havana at 11c.@ 11¾c. ₱ lb. Refined Sugars continue in demand, at 13½c.@15¾c. ₱ lb.

STEARINE—Sales since our last, 93,000 lbs., at 21c.@22½c. ₱ lb.

TALLOW—Sales 165,000 lbs. at 12c.@12¾c., and 43,000 lbs. Grease at 10½c.@14¾c. ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Is inactive and nominal at $2 26@$2 26½ ₱ gallon.

FREIGHTS—Have been very quiet to-day. For Liverpool, the engagements included only 25 hhds. Tobacco at 25s. For Cork and orders, a brig with Corn at 4s. 3d. ₱ quarter.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—NEW-YORK, May 21, 1866.

Present—John Brice, Esq., President; Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, Flynn, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Ryers, Reilly, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis, Van Voorhis.

The minutes of May fourteen were read and approved.

By Alderman Van Voorhis—

Remuneration of property-owners against grading, &c. Ninety-fourth-street.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Varnum—

Petition of Edward Homer to reimburse him for taxes wrongfully paid for the years one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Norton—

Petition of the Greenwich-street Reformed Dutch Church for a donation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the President—

Petition of Ernest P. Brook to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Van Voorhis—

Petition of the Home of the Good Shepherd, situated in the block between Avenues A and B, and Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth streets, for a donation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the President—

Petition of the Metallic Pier and Warehouse Company to present plans for building the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Masterson—

Resolved, That Forty-first street, from Sixth to Eighth avenues, be paved with Belgium or trap-block pavement, the same to be done under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Ely—

Resolved, That the Harlem Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to remove the track laid by them in Broadway, betwee Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, and place the street in good repair forthwith; and, in case they do not act in the matter promptly, then the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to remove the track and repair the street, dispose of the track so removed to reimburse the expense of removing, and take such legal proceedings as may be necessary to recover the full amount paid from railroad company.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law.

By the President—

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the southwest corner of Ninth-avenue and Thirty-first street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Ely—

Resolved, That the sidewalks in Thirtieth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be flagged where now already done and reflagged where necessary the full width, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Ely—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Sisters of Saint Vincent de Paul, in East Broadway, near Clinton-street, Saint Mary Academy, for the sum of forty-nine dollars and thirty cents, to enable them to pay an assessment on their property for laying East Broadway to Grand-street, and charge the same to the account of Donations.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman O'Brien—

Resolved, That the sidewalks in Lexington-avenue, between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh street, be flagged on the east side of the street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Coman—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections, within the boundaries of Bleecker-street on the South, Twenty-third-street on the north, Second-avenue on the east, and Sixth-avenue on the West.

Which was referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

By Alderman McBrien—

Resolved, That a sewer be built in Henry-street, from Catharine to Market-street, under the direction of the Croton Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Norton—

Resolved, That a sewer be built in Hudson-street, from Franklin to Jay-street, under the direction of the Croton Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman Van Voorhis—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Seventeenth-street be numbered from Fourth-avenue to Harlem River, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman McGinnis—

Resolved, That the sunken lots on and adjoining the southeast corner of Fifty-fifth-street and Fifth-avenue be filled in with good and wholesome earth to the depth sufficient to admit of their being drained into the sewer, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Alderman Van Voorhis—

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the corner of Broadway and Seventeenth-street, Manhattanville, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman Coman—

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the southwest corner of Fifty-fifth-street and Fifth-avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Alderman Van Voorhis—

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the corner of Broadway and Fourth-avenue, be the same is hereby granted for the term of twenty-one years, with the privilege of renewal, to John Arrowsmith, his heirs and assigns, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a building thereon, in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Common Council, and marked Exhibit A, and the same is hereby granted to the said

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1866.

Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st., corner of Irving-place.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, MARTHA, with the following cast: Boschetti, Anastasi, Polini, Orlandini, Colletti. Conductor and Musical Director, Sig. Muzio.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, RORY O'MORE. Characters by Mr. Barney Williams, Mrs. Barney Williams, Mr. C. Wolcot, Jr., Mr. A. Donaldson, Mr. W. S. Andrews, Mr. H. Bland, Misses Blanche Grey, Mary Carr, E. Johnson.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, BELPHEGOR, THE MOUNTEBANK. Characters by Messrs. J. G. Burnett, J. W. Collier, George Becks, O. E. Ralton, J. W. Blaisdell, R. R. Holmes, R. Barry, W. H. Danvers, Miss Mary Wells, Maria Maeder, Mrs. Chanfrau, &c.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND. Characters by Messrs. Frederic Robinson, John Gilbert, Charles Fisher, Mark Smith, Mrs. Clara Jennings, Misses Mary Barrett, E. Barrett, Miss Boots.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½, PAGES FROM THE HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD, with a powerful cast.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½, MERCHANT OF VENICE, GALE BREKELEY, and THE ROBBERS OF THE HEATH. The whole company in the cast.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, EVA, THE IRISH PRINCESS; Or, IRELAND IN 1171, and THE FLYING DUTCHMAN.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
AFTERNOON, at 2; EVENING, at 7½, UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. Mrs. G. C. Howard as Topsey. Dwarfs, Giantess, Fat Boy, 100,000 Curiosities.

IRVING HALL.
Irving-place, corner 15th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, GRAND CONCERT.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock—The Ethiopian Fun Makers in their eccentricities: LES MISERABLES, THE TYROLEAN WARBLERS, BLACK CHEMIST, &c.

GEO. CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS,
Adjoining Fifth-avenue Hotel.
THIS EVENING, NEW ACTS, BURLESQUES and PETER PIPES.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, ROBINSON, THE CHAMPION HORSEMAN, with his juvenile protege, CLARENCE; Mlle. DE BERG, the dashing Parisian Equestrienne.

SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
No. 845 Broadway.
THIS DAY, Painting—SEALERS CRUSHED BY ICEBERGS.

STUDIO BUILDINGS,
No. 15 West 10th-st.
THIS DAY AND EVENING—MARBLE STATUES.

BROOKLYN ATHENÆUM.
Atlantic-st., corner Clinton.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE ALLEGHANIANS, Vocalists and Ball-players.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Montague-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, CONCERT—The Beethoven Society of Yale College.

COOPER INSTITUTE.
THIS EVENING—Commencing at 8 o'clock—GRAND MAY-DAY FESTIVAL.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The steamship *Cuba* arrived yesterday at Halifax, with advices from Europe to the 13th inst. The most important news is the terrible financial panic in England, which is pronounced, on Mr. GLADSTONE'S authority, to be without parallel in the commercial history of England. The great banking house of OVEREND, GURNEY & Co. suspended on the 11th, their liabilities being estimated at between ten and twelve million pounds sterling. Many other disastrous failures are announced, among them that of Sir MORTON PETO, with whom much sympathy was expressed. Business was almost entirely suspended in London, Liverpool, Manchester, and other commercial centres, but it was hoped that the panic had done its worst, and would spread no further. The news from the Continent continues warlike, but presents no decisive features. The dispatches from the several sources are as numerous and contradictory as usual. Mr. MOZLEY had protested against the sending of Austrian reinforcements to Maximilian, and it was understood that, in consequence of this protest, they would not be sent.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA.

The steamship *Arizona*, from Aspinwall on the 13th inst., brings news of the bombardment of Callao on the 2d inst. by the Spanish fleet. Two of the Spanish vessels were so much damaged early in the fight that they were obliged to withdraw for repairs, and they were soon followed by the rest of the fleet. Little damage was done to the city by the bombardment, and the loss of life among the Peruvians was insignificant. The Spanish loss was not ascertained, but Admiral NUNEZ is reported to be badly wounded.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. WILSON, from the Military Committee, reported the bill to create the grade of General in the army. Mr. WILLIAMS offered a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into and report upon the expediency of providing for a uniform and effectual mode of election of United States Senators by the Legislatures of the respective States. The resolution was adopted. At the request of Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, the consideration of the Reconstruction Resolutions was postponed until Wednesday. Mr. HENDRICKS asked that the Colorado Bill and the Presidents veto be taken up. The Senate decided to make them the special order for Tuesday next. The Fortification Appropriation Bill was taken up and passed. The bill incorporating the Academy of Music in Washington was passed.

In the House, Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, introduced bills to protect the right of action of loyal citizens, to define and punish crimes, and to amend the act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States. Mr. DAVIS offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on Banking and Currency to inquire into the expediency of excepting the currency of State bonds, outstanding on the 1st of July, from the tax of 10 per cent., now provided by law, until the 1st day of July, 1867, to some day previous thereto. The resolution offered by Mr. MCCLURG, in February, proposing to levy contributions on the seceding States, to defray the expenses incurred in protecting loyal citizens and maintaining the authority of the Government in those States, was taken up and passed. The House also agreed to the resolutions offered by Mr. HENDERSON, sustaining the President in executing the laws of the United States upon a sufficient number of leading rebels in each of the States lately in insurrection, to vindicate the majesty of the law, to sustain the confidence of the loyal people, and to warn the refractory for all time to come. The Tax Bill was then taken up.

GENERAL NEWS.

A corps of workmen are preparing a portion of the Seven Pines battle-field with a view of its conversion into a National Cemetery for the reception of the Federal dead who fell on the fields of Seven Pines, Savage Station, Fraser's Farm and Malvern Hill. The Cemetery contains two or more acres. About eleven hundred bodies have been disinterred, placed in neat coffins, and given decent Christian burial.

A destructive tornado swept over Charleston, S. C., and the adjacent country, on the 17th inst. Its force, however, was most severe in the counties of St. John and Berkley, where the destruction of crops, &c., was very great. Two lives are known to have been lost by the tornado, beside which there were several persons injured.

The school and practice-ship *Jean Bart*, belonging to the French Navy, arrived at Annapolis on the 20th inst. The officers and midshipmen, numbering some 200, visited the Academy, where they were entertained by Rear-Admiral PORTER, the Superintendent of the Academy, and the officers and professors connected with the institution. The annual examination commenced yesterday.

It is expected that Gen. SHERMAN and Senator SHERMAN will attend the Commencement at Dartmouth College, N. H. The class of 1841 will have its quarter centennial meeting, and Hanover is likely to be full to overflowing. GEORGE H. BUSSELL, of New-York, has added $3,000 to his gift for a gymnasium, making $24,000 in all, and the work is to begin at once. Some $7,000 or $8,000 have already been pledged toward the contemplated memorial of alumni hall.

A tornado on the 4th nearly demolished the freedmen's village on Port Royal Island, S. C. Forty houses were demolished, and thirteen persons were severely injured—two mortally. The damage on St. Helena Island was reported severe, St. Helenaville being nearly destroyed, with several lives lost and many injured.

The hail-storm which occurred at Rochester and vicinity on Sunday proved very destructive to the young vegetation as well as to buildings, and it is said that several animals were killed. The lightning struck the chapel in Mount Hope Cemetery, where many persons had taken refuge, but no one was seriously injured.

Great distress is said to prevail in many parts of Louisiana overflowed by the recent floods. The Acadians who reside along Grosse Tete and the neighboring bayous lost their crops last year from the same cause. This year they were struggling hard to make up in part for the miscbances of the previous season, but another flood has swept everything away.

The Grant House, at Franklin, Penn., was destroyed by fire on the 19th instant. One of the waiter-girls, in her fright, leaped from the fourth story of the hotel, and was taken up dead. Two other girls are missing, and it is feared have perished in the flames.

Mrs. SUSAN KING, wife of Rev. THOMAS F. KING, and mother of the late Rev. T. STARR KING, died in Charlestown, Mass., on Saturday last, at the age of sixty. She was respected for her energy of character and her devotion to the duties of wife and mother.

The Harvard College Base Ball Club will soon make a professional trip to this City, and play match games with the Atlantic, Excelsior and Eureka Clubs, and on their return will play with the Charter Oak Club at Hartford, June 21.

The officers of the New-England Agricultural Society have voted to hold the annual fair at Brattleboro, on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of September, in connection with the Vermont State Agricultural Society.

Faint Fenian excitements occasionally furnish items from the frontier. On Saturday eighty-seven cases of arms belonging to the Fenians were seized at Erie, Penn. They were marked "Hardware and agricultural implements."

A cotton factory in Macon, Ga., is turning out 90,000 yards of sheeting per month. It is also said that two new cotton factories will be built at West Point, Ga., during the coming Summer.

An adventurous fellow, named LUDLOW, from Winchester, Ky., attempted to cross the Covington and Cincinnati bridge on the 17th. When about half way across, he fell into the river.

Gen. GEORGE W. PALMER, Commissary-General of Ordnance of this State, has been appointed by the President to reside at Sierra Leone, to take cognizance of matters connected with the slave trade.

The New-Orleans *Times* notes the arrival in that city of Gen. C. C. ANDREWS, who, it says, is collecting material for a history of the campaign which ended in the capture of Mobile.

The Shreveport (La.,) *Southwestern* announces that a telegraph cable was recently successfully laid across the river at that place.

Right Rev. THOMAS ATKINSON, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, is about to leave for Europe on account of his health.

Col. SPRAGUE, the commander of the district of East Florida, has removed his headquarters to St. Augustine.

The Cold Harbor National Cemetery has been completed and dedicated. It contains upward of 2,000 dead, 800 of whom are known.

LOCAL NEWS.

In the Police Courts yesterday the following cases were disposed of: FRANCIS PECKWELL, held for trial on a charge of having stolen a horse and light wagon from FRANCIS SHORT at High Bridge, he having been found in possession of the equipage. THOMAS DOWN and WILLIAM BOYLE were remanded for examination on a charge of having made an attempt at pocket-picking on a Hoboken ferry-boat. WILLIAM ANDERSON having been found in possession of $300 worth of ostrich feathers, which were stolen from LOUIS HALLER, of 29 Howard-street, was held for trial on a charge of burglary, bail being refused. JULIUS METZER was committed for examination on a charge of burglary, the proceeds of the robbery being found in his possession. THOMAS CORCORAN was arrested by Officer MCILLAGHY as he emerged from a dwelling in East Tenth street, having a lot of silverware in his possession, and he was committed to answer the charge of burglary in default of bail. Officer JOHN H. WRIGHT, of the Broadway squad, and JAMES P. WALKER, were held to bail for trial on a charge of false pretences in obtaining $100 to allow a prisoner to escape from arrest.

In the Supreme Court Circuit yesterday, before Mr. Justice FOSTER, a verdict for the plaintiff was rendered in the suit entitled CHAS. H. MCDONALD vs. MATTHEW WHITE. It has been on trial several days. The case grew out of an incendiary fire among the shipping on the North River, on the 9th of December, 1863, by which a large number of barges, canal boats, schooners, sloops, &c., laden with forage for the Union army, were destroyed, with their contents. It was claimed during the trial that there was no doubt that the torch was applied to the hay and straw on the vessels by the hands of rebel emissaries for the purpose of cutting off, as much as possible, the supply of forage for the Winter of the Army of the Potomac. There was a strong wind prevailing at the time, and the fire raged for many hours in spite of the efforts of firemen, police and citizens, causing great destruction of property. In this case the plaintiff claimed $5,000, and obtained a verdict for $2,104 69. An appeal will be taken to a higher court, on some important questions of law.

In the Board of Alderman, yesterday, a resolution was adopted directing the Comptroller to submit leases of corporation property to the Mayor and Clerk of the Common for their signatures, according to law. Another resolution was adopted asking the Comptroller why he has failed to comply with the request of the Board of Aldermen to give them certain details in regard to the sale of ferry franchises, &c. A resolution to purchase a site for the offices of the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections was referred. Adjourned to Monday next.

The Excise Board's Committee on Applications for License heard Richmond County yesterday. To-day the Committee will hear dram-sellers from New-Utrecht, Gravesend, New-Lots and Flatbush, in Kings County. At the close, yesterday, Treasurer MANIERRE had received $419,750. Col. BARTRAM, Inspector of Excise, had received and passed 5,381 indorsed applications for license.

The teachers and pupils of Colored Grammar School No. 1 in Mulberry-street gave a farewell reception, yesterday morning, to the Trustees of the Fourteenth Ward, the occasion being the assumption by the Board of Education of the entire control of our colored schools.

Inquests were held yesterday by Coroner WILDEY over the bodies of ELIAS H. TICKENER, aged 23, and LEWIS HENRY GARDNER, aged 21, who were drowned in the East River on the 2d and 20th inst. Verdicts of accidental death were rendered in both cases.

The CARL NOELTE case was up again yesterday before Commissioner NEWTON. The United States Marshal made another return, which, after hearing arguments of counsel, the Commissioner declared insufficient, and directed him to obey forthwith the original warrant.

Sixteen liquor dealers, who were arrested on Sunday for alleged violations of the Excise Law, were required to find bail to answer the charges at the Court of General Sessions.

The suit of HENRY C. ROVER vs. MARY JANE ROVER was terminated yesterday in the Common Pleas, Special Term. Report confirmed and judgment granted.

Petitions are in circulation in Hoboken, N. J., asking the Council Board to close the drinking-saloons on Sunday.

A very large sale of corporation property was commenced yesterday. The prices realized were large, and it is believed that the whole amount obtained will not fall far short of $2,000,000. The sale will be continued to-day.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Justice INGRAHAM from the City, Justice MULLEN, holding Part II. Circuit, has taken his place in the Oyer and Terminer. Circuit Part II. has been adjourned to the first Monday of June next.

Messrs. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, JACKSON S. SCHULTZ, S. G. COURTNEY, MOSES TAYLOR, JAMES KELLY, —— RUSSELL and A. A. LOW, the Commission appointed by Congress to select a site for a new Post-office, are to hold their first meeting this afternoon.

In the Court of General Session, yesterday, several prisoners pleaded guilty of assaults with dangerous weapons with intent to do bodily harm, and one pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the third degree. All remanded for sentence.

The General Term of the Common Pleas has been adjourned to Monday, the 28th inst., at 11 A. M., at which time it is understood that a decision will be rendered in the celebrated case of CLARK vs. BROOKS, of the New-York *Express*.

The three New-York rowdies who were engaged in a riot at Greenville, N. J., on Sunday, the 29th of April, have been sentenced one to six and the others to three years' imprisonment in the State Prison.

WILLIAM SING, residing at No. 577 First-avenue, fell from the roof yesterday afternoon, being almost instantly killed. The Coroner was duly notified.

THOMAS LOFTUS *alias* Boyle, charged with defrauding the Government, was yesterday committed for trial.

The price of Gold was steady yesterday at 130¾ ₱ cent. Exchange on London 109¾ ₱ cent. Money steady at 5 ₱ cent. to the Brokers. Stocks left off firm.

Business in Produce and Merchandise was rather more active. Prices of Flour, Pork and Lard were lower. Wheat, Corn, Oats and Cotton were advancing. Freights were quiet.

Business at the Cattle Market drags heavily, and sales are slow. Still good cattle are in moderate request at prices but a trifle lower than we quoted one week ago. The arrivals thus far for the week amount to about 4,000. The quality of the animals is not quite so fair as the cattle sold last week. Some dealers affirm that beef is really no lower than it was last week, while others feel confident that it is ½c.@ 1c. ₱ ℔ less. Transactions in milch cows are very moderate and sales slow. Veal is in fair request for calves well fattened, and six to eight weeks old. Yet the prices have not improved upon the quotations given last week. The arrivals of sheep thus far are moderately large, and prices easy, with a fair demand for fat mutton. For inferior sheep the market is dull and trade slow. The hog market remains unchanged from last week's figures. Transactions are moderate, and the arrivals thus far for the week are light, numbering about 3,000.

Is the War to be Renewed?

Mr. ROBERT DALE OWEN has published another letter on the subject of Reconstruction. He waives his original demand that some provision should be made for negro suffrage, as impracticable; but insists that the Constitution should be amended so as to provide equality of civil rights, a just basis of representation, and a repudiation of the rebel debt. In speaking of the unequal representation which the South will enjoy under the existing state of things, Mr. OWEN says:

"I do not content myself with asserting that such an anomaly in our democratic system would outrage the very principles upon which that system rests. I say that the permanent existence of such a feature of sectional inequality is an impossibility. *Let* ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS *and others who proclaim that it is just, and imagine that it is possible, know this, that the North would renew the war to-morrow rather than endure it.*"

Is Mr. OWEN quite sure of this? He must be aware that it is a very grave statement. Has he any authority for making it? Has he assurances from any considerable number of persons, in Congress or out of it, that *they* would favor a "renewal of the war to-morrow," rather than submit to the continuance of the basis of representation provided by the Constitution? Does he claim to speak for any party—or for any section of any party—in making such an assertion?

We do not believe "the North" will do any such thing. Nothing but the absolute necessity of preserving the nation's life,—nothing but the peril which threatened the Government with destruction, could have led the North to wage the war just closed:—and no emergency less momentous will ever lead the North to renew it. No party advantage, no hope of sectional domination, no effort to establish abstract theories of government, will ever lead the people of the Northern States to take up arms against any portion of the Union. Still less will they ever do it to *enforce* a change in the Constitution, however important and desirable that change may be. And if Mr. OWEN, or those associated with him in political action, look forward to such an issue, they are doomed to disappointment.

Mr. OWEN must be aware that this "sectional inequality" in the matter of representation has existed from the very beginning of the Government. It was provided in the Constitution that representation should be based on *population*—not on voters; and that only *three-fifths* of persons held as slaves should be counted. We have now made the slaves *free*—and, therefore, they are to be counted like all other free men, in the basis of representation. This is just as clearly a part of the Constitution now, as was the three-fifths clause before the war destroyed slavery. The inequality which it recognizes is somewhat greater than that which prevailed before: but this is just as truly constitutional as that was. We believe it ought to be remedied, and so do the people of the North. But Mr. OWEN and his Radical friends are very much mistaken if they believe the *North will renew the war*, unless it is remedied. They will commit a fatal blunder if they base their political movements on any such theory. They will mislead those who have confided in their teachings most fatally if they encourage them to expect any such thing. There is not *one* man in *twenty* to-day in the Northern States who would "renew the war to-morrow, rather than endure" this inequality, as Mr. OWEN says, the whole North is prepared to do.

The Constitution ought to be so amended as to remedy this evil. Of that we have no doubt, nor have the great body of the Northern people. But the process by which this is to be accomplished must be a peaceful process; it must be in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. It must be done with the assent and approval of three-fourths of all the States, including those to be affected by it; and it ought not to be difficult for any man of ordinary candor and judgment to see that if those States are to be induced to surrender a portion of their political power, it can only be by the offer of something they will deem equivalent. Mere words—the offer of sham representation—will be of no use; and it will be still more idle to attempt to *force* their assent by threats that the war will be renewed.

THE AUSTRIAN TROOPS FOR MAXIMILIAN.—The European news this morning gives a report from Vienna that the last raised Austrian volunteers for service in Mexico, will now enter the Austrian army. If this be true, it would seem that the Austrian Emperor is going to pursue a more discreet *rôle* as regards Mexico than the French Emperor has seen fit to pursue. He knows the sentiments of this Government about the proposition to replace the French troops with Austrians, and he has doubtless read and carefully considered the vigorous protest of Secretary SEWARD. Having no ambitions and few interests outside of Germany—having an abundance of interests in Germany to occupy all his thoughts and activities,—he would be the last of all the European potentates to run the risk of getting into difficulties to subserve such a cause as that of MAXIMILIAN in such a region as the Empire of Mexico. These regiments which were being formed in Austria for the Mexican service were not raised under the direct auspices of the Austrian Government, nor was it immediately responsible, in a strict sense, for their being raised; but our Government protested against its permitting their departure from Austria on such a mission as that to which they were destined. FRANCIS JOSEPH unquestionably had good reason at this time, for retaining in Austria all the soldiers that could possibly be raised there; but we do not believe that he would have offended our Government by permitting their departure, even although he had not been threatened with war in his own dominions.

National Debts—The Financial and Industrial Future of England.

The speech of Mr. GLADSTONE on the English budget, which we published lately, contains many suggestions worthy of the careful consideration they are certain to command. His presentation of the general topic of national debts is very striking, and the tone of warning and gloom with which he speaks of the enormous debts of the continental Powers of Europe, and that of more than American hopefulness, and almost indifference with which he treats the immense debt of our Union will be very significant to those who remember how, lately, he spoke of the Union as hopelessly divided. The change in Mr. GLADSTONE'S tone reveals the corresponding change in the views of Europe as to American resources and the soundness of our finances.

The few hints he throws out as to the great dangers of England, and which were more fully expounded, at least on one topic, by Mr. MILL in a recent speech, already become historical, are full of instruction and warning. The danger of England undoubtedly lies in her deficiency in agricultural resources and the possible failure of her mines. Mr. MILL, taking a careful and scientific estimate, prophecies a failure of the coal supply in three generations. Mr. GLADSTONE, and, we believe, a higher authority, Sir RODERICK MURCHISON, doubt this dangerous eventuality, and probably give the profitable working of coal in Great Britain a much longer lease of existence. Under any estimate, the day of that fearful famine for English manufacture—a coal famine—must come, and at no very remote period. When it does arrive, one great source of the cheapness of English manufactures will be drained, and a decrease of production will ensue. Yet, one may well believe that before that time the teeming Anglo-Saxon brain will have invented or discovered some other source of force beside the coal stored up in the rocks.

The history of the past shows that no nation can be long safe or prosperous without an ample agriculture. Commerce and manufactures are not enough. A country must be able to feed itself.

England is fast losing her agriculture; her supplies of food come more and more from abroad, and the little island is being given up for mines, cattle-raising and pleasure-grounds. This is a natural result of the immense profit of her manufactures and commerce. She cannot afford to cultivate the ground to a great degree. Capital finds a better investment and return in other branches. Like Tyre or Venice or Amsterdam, she is becoming the commercial exchanger and manufacturer for the whole world, without her own independent agricultural wealth. She is carrying out the theory of free trade to its most logical sequence. Having made her wealth, and leading the commerce of the world (as Mr. GLADSTONE says) by her ability to produce more cheaply than any other country—an ability given in great part by her throwing off all restrictions from trade and manufactures, and thus securing every product at its cheapest rate and directing capital in its most productive channels—she now devotes labor and capital alone to that which pays the best; getting her food from America and Russia, who can supply it more cheaply than she, and supplying them with fabrics, or tools, or machinery, or steamers, which she can best produce. The Free-Trader will argue that she will never starve for want of food, because she can always make that, to buy which, food is raised, more cheaply than the food-raising countries; and she will do this, not because she pays lower wages, (for her wages now are not low,) but because freedom of trade and convenience of coal make all the material, implements and expenses of labor, cheaper than elsewhere.

But the danger, to the outside observer, lies in the possibility of war, and her foreign supplies being interrupted, and above all, to the chance that the currents of commerce may be changed, and she, as was Venice or Amsterdam, be left on one side, and finally to lose the carrying trade of the world; with her ports closed by a strict blockade, famine might ensue, and with commerce gone and no agriculture, half of her wealth would disappear. But the Free Trader will claim that a new era has come with this great modern principle: that Free Trade always insures a supply of whatever a people can buy, and that war itself would only be a temporary interruption, blockade running being able even to bring food to a blockaded island like England. In modern days, he would urge that superior commerce does not depend on position or number of ports, but on being able to make the transport cheaper than others, and on producing the most cheaply what the world wants. While England, through unrestricted trade, is able to build steamers, and man and freight them more economically than America or France, she will possess the carrying trade of the ocean; and while she can manufacture what all the world desire, at less price than any other country, exchanges and commerce will naturally centre in the little Island.

Still, though the Free Trader may be right economically, politically it is important for each nation to have a diversity of pursuits, and to be as independent as possible of other nations.

Mr. GLADSTONE may well be elated at the vast and incredible development of wealth in Great Britain—a development which is in part an effect of the very measures he is recommending—the constant lifting of burdens from trade. He ventures, even with the strong desire to begin a more palpable lessening of the national debt, to suggest the taking off of certain taxes on foreign luxuries—knowing that British consumption of these may develop a demand for British products in those countries, and that, at all events, he will be lightening the burdens on enjoyment, which means giving a greater reward to labor.

We trust that our own finances will justify his favorable estimate, and that they will be, as he says, an "instructive example" to European Governments.

The Practical Bearings of the Reconstruction Question.

The political bearings of the Radical policy on the reconstruction question lie upon the surface. They involve practical disunion, the maintenance of an ever-widening breach between Congress and the Executive, and the development of a bitter and most dangerous partisan warfare. They tend in effect to render nugatory the triumphs of the Union soldiers and sailors, and to falsify the solemn professions and pledges under which the war was carried on. They frustrate the patriotic purposes of the North, and break faith with the conquered people of the South. They foster sectional antipathies, crush the legitimate fruits of peace, and lay the foundations of a contest of which no living man can foresee the end.

From any except a disunion point of view, this policy is manifestly suicidal. By insisting upon what cannot possibly be obtained, it prevents the application of the rational and just conditions which the Union party are entitled to propose. The opportunity of carrying the moderate constitutional changes which seem necessary to insure what may be termed the equities of the war, is imperiled by a demand to which none worthy of the franchise could submit. The threatened result being not only the indefinite exclusion of the South from Congress, but also the loss of guarantees in which it is believed the Southern States would readily acquiesce. A substantial and attainable good is to be neglected—aye, discarded—that the impracticable malignity of the extremists may have free course and be glorified.

It would be well if the mischief ended here. The struggle, bitter though it be, might be contemplated with a certain degree of complacency if its influences were confined within the political arena. The country might be safely left to take care of itself, despite the politicians. Unfortunately, however, the failure on the part of Congress to solve practically the reconstruction problem is productive of consequences most disastrous to the industry, the commerce, the finances and the temper of the Southern people. The fact is indisputable, that the popular feeling throughout the South grows no better, under the do-nothing policy of the Radicals in Congress. It does not follow that the people are censurable therefor. They are as other people would be in similar circumstances—irritated by the dictation of terms of which GRANT and SHERMAN, in the very hour of victory never spoke, aggrieved by the failure to consummate the restoration plans magnanimously begun by the Executive. They had been led to look for a cordial welcome back to the Government whose authority they had vainly striven to overthrow; and they find themselves rejected, without any near prospect of redress. It is not in human nature to endure this patiently, still less gratefully or amiably. And every month's further exclusion adds to the difficulty. You may withhold their constitutional privileges another year. Will their temper be more genial, more submissive then than now? Add yet another year—will matters be better? When exclusion shall be no longer possible, will they return to the Union with the feelings which shall make the Union a reality?

Meanwhile the trade and industry of the South suffer grievously. It has been ruined as well as conquered. Its people have been beggared as well as defeated. To the pangs of humiliation have been added the pangs of distress. And the process of recovery will inevitably be slow and precarious unless the North, with its superabundant capital, step in to provide for the emergency. The spirit of enterprise is here, watching eagerly for the chance, and the means at its command would speedily revolutionize industrial development in every Southern State. Individual effort may not suffice fully to cope with devastation so universal as that which the South brought upon itself, but to the extent of its ability it would be forthcoming if the political complications were so far disposed of as to leave room for the venture. By means of this nature, more than by any conceivable legislation, the *just supremacy* of the North would be established. Prejudice would gradually disappear before the beneficent sway of Northern capital, administered by Northern heads and hands, and the political unity of the sections would be insured by interests as strong and diversified as those which render East and West indissoluble. But these wholesome influences are inapplicable so long as Congress insists upon the disfranchisement of the Southern people. Capital, everywhere proverbially sensitive, avoids the South as too pregnant with uncertainty to be safe. Until a settlement be effected on an amicable and enduring basis the wisest among us knows not what is in store; and moneyed men shrink from going where statesmen have not dared to tred. Hence, the return of the South to material prosperity is slow, uncertain, and mayhap remote, and the whole country suffers at a time when prudence dictates the energetic use of all its resources.

RED AND BLACK.—The Chicago *Times* has taken up the defence of the miserable Indian tribes of the Plains, bodies of whom are continually being butchered by rapacious white men. Referring to the late massacre, in which sixteen of these poor people, fourteen of them being women and children, were victims, the *Times* says:

"The most singular part of all this matter is, that the Abolition newspaper Press, which every day weeps tears of blood over reported outrages committed upon Southern negroes, has not one word of rebuke for the real atrocities committed against these poor Indians. When the negroes in Memphis, the other day, attacked the whites and were shot down to the number of half a dozen, the Abolition Press of this city boiled over with indignation at the utter atrociousness of shooting negroes who were guilty of nothing but insurrection. None of these newspapers have a word to say about the massacre of these Indian women and children. We call upon President JOHNSON to take such steps as will prevent the constant occurrence of these cowardly atrocities on our borders."

Now, we condemn the spirit that pervades these remarks; but we nevertheless repeat what we have twice said in these columns within a few days past, that some investigation should be made into some of these dastardly outrages so frequently committed upon a race who are in a peculiar manner the wards of the nation and the Government. Nothing in our Indian history surpasses in cold-blooded atrocity the Indian massacre in Colorado some two years ago by Rev. Col. CHIVINGTON. This is a case in which the Government have all the facts, in an official form, in their possession at this moment; yet no punishment has ever been administered to the culprits. Of the Idaho massacre, a few weeks ago, we have now in turn an official statement, and we hope that if the guilty parties can be found, justice will be meted out to them. To show that these massacres are not sudden outbreaks of passion, but the work of deliberate malice, we quote the following remarks from the Idaho *Statesman*, published near the locality of the deed:

"Sixteen Lo's have bit the dust. We long to see this vile race exterminated. Every man who kills an Indian is a public benefactor. Who will not emulate this good example, and rid us of these nuisances? These are the wretches the Government pamper, and Gov. LYON'S sickly sentiment in favor of preserving them is all bosh. We say kill them off—the faster the better, without distinction—nits make lice."

Suppose such sentiments were uttered by a Southern newspaper about the blacks?

THE LATE NEWS FROM EUROPE.—One of the best passages of the Cunard line by way of Halifax is that reported this morning. We take it to have been eight days, in round figures, from Queenstown to Halifax. The improvement is sufficiently marked, as regards this branch of the line, to invite special notice, in view of the early termination of the Company's mail contract with the British Government—a contract which has been repeatedly reported against by Parliamentary Committees, and the continuance of which, to the prejudice of other lines, is in direct antagonism with every commercial doctrine proclaimed by Mr. GLADSTONE and his colleagues. There is no better regulated steamship line in the world than the Cunard; but there is nothing in its management as compared with that of the Inman line to justify its being specially subsidized to the tune of $900,000 annually, to the prejudice of its competitor. It is doubtful whether Congress will ever agree to any renewal of the subsidizing system on the North Atlantic line of travel. The business has already reached proportions which would, just as well, justify American as English or German or French capitalists in embarking in it without any public subvention; and the withholding of subsidies in the present promising condition of the traffic, will not excuse our business men for their almost total neglect of a traffic to which there is nothing at all comparable in magnitude or the certainty of steady progress.

THE GERMAN STRIFE.—The existing German quarrel is nearly as incomprehensible as the merits of the question affecting the right and title to the Danish Principalities. The news this morning by the *Cuba* does not serve to clear up matters very much. Peace between Austria and Prussia is still possible, if the good offices of England and Russia are joined with those of France to avert the catastrophe of war. It may be possible for some persons to conjecture from this what is really to happen. Russia and England and France have had such well-defined views as to German rights and properties and interests, that there must be an easy solution to the present problem, if it could only be found.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—"LA JUIVE" was given here last night to a house that was only moderately good in point of numbers. It is evident that HALEVY'S music is a little too overwrought for the general appreciation of the public. Mr. GRAU proposes a radical change to-night, when FLOTOW'S light and graceful strains will be heard in "Martha." The cast is, of course, entirely new, and the names of the artists are a sufficient promise of a good performance.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—A new version of DICKENS' beautiful story, "David Copperfield," was brought out here last evening with complete success. It comes from the pen of Mr. G. F. ROWE, who plays the part of the immortal "Wilkins Micawber." In the works of the great novelist the material is so ample and varied that a dozen different versions of the same story may be made without exhausting the supply. Mr. ROWE'S adaptation differs mainly from its predecessors in giving prominence to the Micawber family. The piteous story of "Emily" and poor old "Peggotty" is still retained. It is carried out with more than ordinary clearness and is happily contrasted with scenes of brighter merit. The best strength of the company is engaged in the performance of this drama, and it is, we need scarcely add, successfully rendered. Mr. ROWE'S "make up" as "Wilkin's Micawber" was irresistible. The gentleman acted with spirit, but in comic "roles" we notice an indistinctness of pronunciation which is not perceptible in his more serious efforts. The drama has been placed upon the stage with some care, and was completely successful.

Mrs. JOHN WOOD'S benefit, announced for Friday last, was, owing to the illness of that lady, postponed. It will come off on next Friday, when we hope to see the Olympic crowded to its greatest capacity. The "Loan of a Lover" and the burlesque of "Cinderella à la Comare will be performed.

WINTER GARDEN.—Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS have reached their last week, and appropriately revive one of their most uproarious dramas. "Rory O'More" will be remembered with pleasure by all who have seen these agreeable artists. It is very nicely put upon the stage at the Winter Garden, and the characters are all played with spirit. Beyond commending the piece to the public we have really nothing more to say. The performances ended last evening with the roaring confetteta of "Latest from New York." The same bill will be repeated to-night.

IRVING HALL.—Signor GAGLIANO, an Italian artist of merit, will give a concert at this establishment to-night. The Signor is a performer on the musical glasses, exhibiting fine taste and skill in producing the sound and delivering it. Mme. ORTALANI, Signor MAZZOLENI, and Signor ANTONUCCI will take part in this interesting concert.

OPERATIC MATINEE.—Signor FOSSATI, of whose well-trained voice we have often had occasion to speak, will give a grand operatic matinée at Wallack's Theatre, on Wednesday next, assisted by Mme. DE LUSSAN, Mlle. DE GEBELE, Signorina PARI, Miss CLARKE, Mr. FARLEY, Mr. BOSINO, Master VROOT, &c. An unusual attraction is afforded in the first production of Signor A. BAGILI'S new Spanish opera, "Una noche en Seville."

BENEFIT OF MISS ELOISE BRIDGES.—The benefit of this estimable lady will happen on Friday night of this week, at the Brooklyn Park Theatre, when she will appear in the powerful drama of "Lucrezia Borgia." Miss BRIDGES has won many friends during her engagement, and we doubt not they will gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to show their regard for her, as well as to see a really good play.

YALE COLLEGE IN BROOKLYN.—The Beethoven Society of Yale College give a grand concert to-night, at the Brooklyn Academy. These young gentlemen, fifty in number, are reputed to be excellent vocalists, well schooled, and worthy of the extensive patronage they everywhere receive. Their concert to-night promises to be an event of note in the pleasant schools of the City of Churches, a crowded house being already insured.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, May 21.

The steamer *Fairfax* put into Norfolk yesterday, short of coal, from Baltimore, and sailed this morning for New-York.

The steamer *Kalorama*, which put in here yesterday from Charleston, on account of the weather, sailed for Baltimore this morning.

The bark *Atlantic*, from Baltimore for Liverpool, went to sea to-day.

The steamer *Empress*, the second of those which is

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Reconstruction Amendment Postponed by the Senate.

Vote on the Colorado Veto Kept Off by the Radicals.

Sudden Freak of Magnanimity on the Part of Their Leader.

Senator Fessenden to Speak Against the Debt Funding Bill.

New Officers Provided for the Executive Mansion.

The Fortification Bill Adopted by the Senate.

Further Work Upon the Internal Revenue Tax Bill.

The Democratic Programme for the Next National Convension.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, May 21.

RECONSTRUCTION NOT DEBATED.

Contrary to general expectation the debate on the reconstruction amendments to the Constitution was not commenced to-day in the Senate. Mr. FESSENDEN, who had charge of the matter, asked that it be postponed until Wednesday, as he was utterly unequal to the work required of him. By common consent this arrangement was agreed to.

THE COLERADO VETO.

Senator HENDRICKS, of Indiana, made an effort to bring the Colorado veto under consideration in the Senate to-day, but was met with strenous opposition from Senator WADE, who, discovering that the Senate was "thin," as he expressed it, urged that when this bill was again taken up there should be a full attendance of the Senators. Mr. WADE was at this time disposed to give absent members a chance to record their votes. He was not for "taking snap judgment," he said, but he would take all honorable means to pass the bill; and it became apparent directly that Mr. WADE's fairness, so totally at variance with this course on a former occasion, when he thanked God for the visitation of sickness upon absent members, was owing to the discovery that as the Senate stood this afternoon the veto would be sustained. Mr. HENDRICKS, one of the most honorable and just of the Senators, accepted the proposition for delay, and the bill was made the special order for Tuesday of next week.

TREATMENT OF THE LATE VETO.

Mr. FESSENDEN took this occasion to say that he utterly repelled the charge that he purposed showing any discourtesy to the President, when on Thursday last he refused for one to consider the veto message. He regarded the action upon that message in the light of business, and the question of courtesy was not involved in it. When the business of the Senate would permit its consideration the Colorado veto could be taken up, just as all other matters are considered, namely, when the exigency requires action.

THE FUNDING BIEL.

Senator SHERMAN's bill for funding the National debt and establishing the rate of interest thereon at five per cent. was, after some little forensic sparring between Messrs. FESSENDEN and SHERMAN, made the special order for to-morrow, when the last-named Senator will make a speech in support of the measure. Mr. FESSENDEN made known his decided opposition to the bill, and that when he shall have obtained certain information that he has requested of the Secretary of the Treasury, he will be prepared to make an argument in answer to Mr. SHERMAN.

OFFICERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

The House to-day passed Mr. SPAULDING's bill empowering the President to appoint certain officers of his household. Upon motion of Mr. GARFIELD the title of the bill was altered, and instead of President's household, the words "Executive Mansion" were inserted. An amendment giving the President a shorthand amanuensis was rejected, Mr. STEVENS and his Radical brethren opposing it, they having fears that the short-hand writer would be used to report the President's speeches. Such was the trivial and ridiculous opposition made to an amendment which was absolutely necessary, as is apparent to every one conversant with the business at the Executive Mansion. The bill was finally passed by a vote 82 to 28, the negative votes being cast by the extreme radicals. The bill gives the President a Private Secretary at four thousand dollars salary, an Assistant Private Secretary at three thousand dollars, four Clerks at one thousand eight hundred dollars each, add a Steward at two thousand dollars, the latter to give bond for the safe keeping of the household furniture. This force is less than is requisite to do the business pressing upon the President, and the salaries are scarcely up to the standard necessary to command the ability that is required to fill the several offices named.

PROPERTY CAPTURED DURING THE WAR.

By the acts of July and August, 1861, all property of the citizens of insurrectionary States, found therein, and all vessels belonging to insurgents, were required, when captured, to be forfeited, and the proceeds of sale paid into the Treasury, for the use of the United States. The proceeds of large captures of such property, amounting to several millions of dollars, are claimed by military and naval officers, and they are accordingly taking measures, through the Admiralty Courts, to have the property condemned and adjudged to their own use and that of the Naval Pension Fund. The question is now pending before the Superior Court, whether such property, so captured, should be forfeited to the United States, or for the benefit of the captors. In view of these facts, the House of Representatives not long ago directed the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold a distribution of proceeds until the judicial question shall be determined, and requested him to take such means, as in his judgment might seem proper, to have the claims of the United States, in such cases, fully heard. The Secretary, in response, says: "It does not appear by the files of the Treasury Department that the receipts of any such property as is described in the House resolution have been claimed by, officers of the army, nor does it distinctly appear how much, if any, has been claimed by officers of the navy. Six hundred and eighty-seven prize cases have been decreed, amounting to nearly $23,000,000, which amount, deducting, say, one-half credited to the Navy Pension Fund, has been paid as follows: Amount paid officers of the navy, $4,762,000; and to enlisted men of the navy, $5,341,000; or a total of $10,103,000. The files of the Department do not furnish satisfactory means of determining what proportion of these amounts consists of the proceeds of property comprehended in the scope of the acts of July and August, 1861, inasmuch as that fact is not distinctly shown by the certificates of distribution, and can be ascertained only by examination of the records of the several cases on the files of the respective Courts. The law of June, 1864, expressly provides that the net amount decreed for distribution to the United States, or to vessels of the navy, shall be ordered by the Court to be paid into the Treasury, to be distributed according to the decree of the Court, which the Secretary says in this respect seems to leave no discretion to the Department. It further appears that thirty-two cases remain pending in the United States Supreme Court, and two hundred and sixty-eight cases in the Circuit or District Courts—in all three hundred cases—all of them nominally cases of prize of war, but more or less of which may be cases of revenue forfeiture, under the acts of July and August. The amount in litigation is equal to $9,500,000. The Secretary has taken steps to investigate the character of all these cases.

NOMINATIONS.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day, by the President, were several Collectors and Assessors of Internal Revenue in Tennessee, and W. PRESCOTT SMITH, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, as Collector for the Third District, Baltimore, Md., in place of FISHER, rejected by the Senate. The President also nominated JOHN LOGAN, father of Gen. LOGAN, Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois. This appointment is made as a compliment to Gen. LOGAN.

DOUBLE FACEDNESS.

It is a remarkable fact that the Senators and Representatives of the extreme radical school, who have most bitterly denounced the President for pardoning rebels, are among the foremost in recommending privately and by letter the exercise of Executive clemency in behalf of the very class which they blame the President for pardoning. It appears that Ex-Senator GWIN was released from imprisonment solely on the recommendation of Senator CONNESS, who unqualifiedly endorses GWIN, and to-day the President pardoned LEON SMITH, late Lieutenant in the rebel navy, on recommendation of that uncompromising hater of rebels, Senator NYE. The recommendation was also signed by Senators Henderson, Howard, Stewart, Chandler, Ramsey, Cragin, Yates, Poland, Edmunds, Nesmith, Johnson and McDougal. HENRY A. BRAGG, of Missouri, was also pardoned on recommendation of Senator HENDERSON and Representative BLOW of that State, the latter a member of the Reconstruction Committee.

THE UNITED STATES STEAMER MIANTONOMAH.

Commander BEAUMONT, of the United States steamer *Miantonomah*, in a recent report to the Navy Department from Halifax, states that the conduct of the vessel in the rough weather experienced on the voyage, confirmed the opinions previously expressed by him in a communication to the Department, that she is an excellent sea-boat, as safe and more comfortable than any vessel on which he had ever performed service. Since the arrival of the *Miantonomah* at Halifax she has been visited by the naval and military authorities, all of whom have manifested in strong terms their admiration of the vessel. All reports which have been received at the Navy Department testify in strong terms to the sea-going qualities of the iron-clad vessel, the experiences being much easier than those encountered during rough weather in vessels of other descriptions.

PARDONS.

Commodore LEON SMITH, of the late Confederate Navy, who was in command of the naval defences of Texas, was pardoned to-day by the President, on the recommendations of Senators Stewart, Nye, McDougall, Howard, Reverdy Johnson, Chandler, Ramsey, Cragin, Edmonds, Poland, Yates, Nesmith and Hon. D. C. McRuer.

The President this morning also ordered a warrant of pardon to issue to HENRY A. BRAGG, of Jefferson City, Missouri, formerly an officer in the rebel army, he having being recommended as deserving of clemency by Senator Henderson and Hon. J. T. BLOW, of Missouri.

THE STEAMER VANDERBILT.

The President to-day sent a message to Congress, containing correspondence between Secretary SEWARD and Commodore VANDERBILT. The former sent a letter dated April 17, 1865, to the latter, thanking him for the generous gift of the steamer *Vanderbilt* during the late war, and saying it was now his pleasant duty to forward the gold medal authorized by Congress, and that the Commodore could not fail to cherish the proud consciousness of having by the act referred to rendered his country signal service at a critical period in its history. The Commodore replied at length, expressing the satisfaction with which he has received the precious token of remembrance.

OHIO APPOINTMENTS.

Gen. S. F. CAREY, recently nominated as Collector for Second District of Ohio, is here making good headway with the Senators for his confirmation. A delegation from Ohio is here to oppose the nomination and to ask the President to withdraw CAREY's name. So they say, though nothing of the kind has been done yet. M. P. GADDIS is named as Assessor for the First District of Ohio in place of PULLAN.

APPOINTMENTS IN INDIANA.

Representative JULIAN is industriously working with Senators to defeat the confirmation of Gen. SOL. MEREDITH, nominated for Collector in Mr. JULIAN's district, the Fifth Indiana. It will be recollected that these gentlemen had a personal quarrel some time ago, which resulted in a renconter.

PLANS OF THE DEMOCRACY.

A prominent person who has just returned from the South says, arrangements are now being made by prominent Democrats to secure the representation of the eleven Southern States in the next Democratic Convention. Very many of the leading politicians North and South having held a consultation and laid out the work. FERNANDO WOOD is the chief spirit in the movement, and expects the nomination for Vice-President. Gen. SHERMAN is named for President.

QUARANTINE AT NORFOLK.

It is understood that Craney Island, at the mouth of the Elizabeth River, near Norfolk, Virginia, is to be designated as a Government Quarantine. During the war this Island was used for all infectious cases occuring in the victuity of Fort Monroe.

GENERAL TREASURY AGENT.

Judge HUGHES, of Indiana, late of the Court of Claims, has been appointed general agent of the Treasury Department, in place of W. P. MELLEN, of Cincinnati, resigned.

HON. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Hon. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, Minister to the Republic of Mexico, had a lengthy interview with the President to-day.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Gen. HOWARD to-day issued the following circular:

WAR DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS, WASHINGTON, May 21, 1866.

CIRCULAR No. 4.—In order to answer numerous inquiries from officers, agents and others, and, if possible, prevent misunderstanding with regard to the change of organization in this bureau, this circular is issued.

First—The Commissioner recommended some time since that the functions of Military Commander of a State and Assistant Commissioner be exercised by the same officer. Wherever practicable this is being effected, as in Virginia and Mississippi. It is not done in condemnation of the Assistant Commissioners, who have labored hard and successfully, but to secure more prompt and effective administration than can otherwise be done.

Second—The Commissioner calls the attention of all officers officially to the reports in circulation as to acts of severity and cruelty toward the freedmen on their part; as to carelessness in rendering their monthly accounts—and other offences. Every officer or agent already accused shall have the opportunity of a thorough vindication before a Court-martial. But the occasions for such trials are to be deprecated, and they must be forestalled by a thorough system of inspection, and a prompt removal of every unfaithful officer.

Third—Special attention is again called to the difficult duty of caring for the indigent. Where intense misery prevails to get rid of the Bureau, surely State and county officers will make some arrangement to relieve the General Government of this expense. If the county officers or overseers of the poor will adopt the proper measures, the industrial and Government farms which are now so much complained of can be dispensed with. In order to meet an emergency when the whole system was devised, the Commissioner urged the forming of joint companies for the encouragement of the emigration of those accustomed to free labor, so as to afford promptly as many examples as possible of the successful employment of negroes under a free system. Apparently in keeping with these regulations, a few officers have invested their own funds jointly with citizens in the planting interest. I know of no law or regulation of the Army or of this Bureau against this. Yet it will almost inevitably lead to corruption; it has already to bitter accusations. Hereafter such investments within their own jurisdiction by officers on duty in this Bureau are strictly prohibited.

O. O. HOWARD,
Major-General and Commissioner.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....Monday, May 21.

THE GRADE OF GENERAL.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the House resolution to revive the grade of General of the United States Army, with an amendment, being a substitute for the second section. As amended, it reads as follows:

SECTION 1. That the grade of General of the Army of the United States, and that name is hereby revived, and the President is hereby authorized, whenever he shall deem it expedient, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a General of the Army of the United States, who shall be selected from among those officers in the military service of the United States most distinguished for courage, skill, and ability, who, being considered as General, may be authorized, under the direction and during the pleasure of the President, to command the armies of the United States.

SEC. 2. That the pay proper of the General shall be $400 per month; and his allowance for fuel and quarters, when his headquarters are in Washington, shall be at the rate of $200 per month, and his other allowances in all respects the same as are allowed to the Lieutenant-General by the second section of the act approved February 29, 1864, entitled an act reviving the grade of Lieutenant-General in the United States Army; and the chief of staff to the Lieutenant-General shall be transferred, and be the chief of staff to the General, with the rank, pay and emoluments of a Brigadier-General in the army of the United States, and the act approved March 3, 1865, entitled an act to provide for a chief of staff to the Lieutenant-General commanding the armies of the United States, is hereby repealed, and the same General may appoint on his staff such number of Aids, not exceeding six, as he may judge proper, who shall each have the rank, pay and emoluments of a Colonel of Cavalry; and it is hereby provided that in lieu of the Aids now allowed by law to the Lieutenant-General, he shall be entitled to two Aids and one Military Secretary, each to have the rank, pay and emoluments of a Lieutenant-Colonel of Cavalry.

POSTAL.

Mr. RAMSEY introduced a bill requiring agents of the Post-office Department to give bonds in certain cases, which was referred to the Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads.

It provides that special agents employed in collecting or disbursing the public moneys accruing from postages shall give bond in such sum and with such security as the Postmaster-General may require.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. RAMSEY called up the bill to provide for surveys of the Upper Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.

It appropriates $25,000, or so much as is necessary, to survey these rivers, the work to be done under the superintendence of the Secretary of War.

The bill was read and postponed until to-morrow.

THE ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS.

Mr. WILLIAMS offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into and report upon the expediency of providing by law for a uniform and effective mode of election of United States Senators by the Legislatures of the respective States.

THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

Mr. WILSON called up the House resolution in regard to appointments in the Military Academy.

It provides that cadets shall be, when appointed, between 17 and 22 years of age, except those who have served in the army, who shall be eligible until 24. All appointments shall be made one year in advance. The resolution was postponed for the present.

THE RECONSTRUCTION RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. FESSENDEN said he had given notice of his intention to call up the Reconstruction resolutions today. He found himself, however, physically unable to take charge of them to-day, and would therefore ask to be excused from taking them up until Wednesday.

THE COLORADO BILL.

Mr. HENDRICKS asked that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Colorado Bill and the President's Veto.

Mr. WADE hoped it would not be taken up now, as several members of the Senate were absent. It ought to be considered in full Senate.

Mr. SUMNER said that two or three of the absent Senators would be here to-morrow. He did not think a veto message had ever been laid upon the table so long as this had already been there. The question ought to be settled at once, and he hoped the Senate would act immediately upon it.

Mr. WADE said that Mr. BUCHANAN's veto of the Homestead Bill laid upon the table for three months.

Mr. HENDRICKS could see no reason for delaying action upon this bill. It was an important question, and he felt it due to the dignity of the President to consider it and decide it now.

Mr. WADE said he would be frank with Mr. HENDRICKS on this as on all other questions. He would say that he (WADE) was a friend of the measure. Notwithstanding the veto of the President, he had come to the conclusion that the Territory of Colorado ought to be admitted as a State for a good many reasons that might be assigned that would not be proper to argue now. He did not think the bill as likely to be successful now as at some future time, and he was therefore opposed to taking it up now.

Mr. HENDERSON said that on this question the people of Colorado had once voted against a State Government, and afterward reconsidered that vote. Then the Senate had voted against Colorado, and afterward reconsidered that vote. He was now in favor of giving the President a reasonable time to withdraw his veto, that he, too, might reconsider.

Mr. FESSENDEN wished simply to remark that while opposed to the admission of Colorado, and while ready to proceed to the consideration of the veto, there was no discourtesy whatever in the postponement. The question was not one of courtesy, but one of business. He utterly repelled the idea of intentional discourtesy to the President.

Mr. HENDRICKS said it was usual to consider veto messages at an early day after their receipt in the Senate. Questions of difference between the two Houses of Congress were always settled early, and questions of difference between the President and the Senate ought to be settled early also. The Senator from Ohio (Mr. WADE) had occupied three different grounds on this question, and he (HENDRICKS) did not know but it might be well to postpone the bill a little longer, in hopes that Mr. WADE would make a fourth change. In the absence of any sufficient reason, however, why the bill should not be considered, the importance of the subject should commend it to early consideration.

Mr. WADE said his last vote was given on this subject after a vast amount of information not previously in his possession had been furnished from different sources. He was induced to vote for the admission of the State on representations of its great wealth, and that it contained a much larger population than he had been led to suppose. As to the veto message, he would not say a word at present. Was there ever before in the history of the Government a veto of the admission of a State? You might examine all the administrations that ever were, and this was the first instance where an administration undertook to veto a bill of Congress admitting a State into this Union. There had been no uniformity in the practice of Congress in the admission of States; consequently they had been admitted sometimes with a large and sometimes with a smaller population, and there had hardly ever been any criterion. It had been said, and he thought properly, that as a general thing there should be population enough for a representative in Congress; but that rule had not been adhered to. It had been determined, one way or another, just as circumstances seemed to require; but in this question, purely within the jurisdiction of Congress, and least of any other within the jurisdiction of the President, the present was the first instance where an enabling act had been vetoed.

Mr. SUMNER again expressed himself in favor of the immediate consideration of the veto message. Mr. WADE had said he was in favor of the bill notwithstanding the veto. He (Mr. SUMNER) was opposed to the bill notwithstanding the veto. He could not do otherwise than oppose the admission of any State whose Constitution was at variance with the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. JOHNSON asked that some day be fixed for the consideration of the bill.

Mr. WADE disclaimed any intention to be discourteous to the President. He wished to do the best he could for a bill of which he was in favor. When the Senate was full, he would be willing to take it up.

The question was, on motion, made the special order for Tuesday week.

FORTIFICATIONS.

Mr. FESSENDEN wished to call up the Fortification Appropriation Bill.

Mr. SHERMAN hoped that the bill would not be taken up. He (SHERMAN) was understanding that the report of the Reconstruction Committee was to be acted on. He had heard no reasons why that order should be postponed. If the Senate could not take up the reconstruction question, he hoped it would take up the Consolidated Loan Bill.

Mr. FESSENDEN said he had already stated the reasons, and asked the postponement of the reconstruction proposition until Wednesday. He (FESSENDEN) was opposed to Mr. SHERMAN's Loan Bill, and he would oppose its consideration until he received some information which he had sent for to the Treasury Department.

Mr. SHERMAN said he would call up the Loan Bill to-morrow.

The Fortification Appropriation Bill was taken up and passed.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

Mr. SHERMAN's bill for the reduction and funding of the National Debt was, on motion, made the special order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

THE RAILROAD BILL.

Mr. SUMNER moved to take up the House bill to regulate commercial and postal intercourse between the States, but, at the request of Mr. MORRILL, withdrew the motion, with the understanding that he would renew it at an early day.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. MORRILL called up a bill to incorporate the Academy of Music, of Washington, D. C., which was passed.

A number of District of Columbia bills were taken up and passed.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

The House resolution for a Joint Committee to investigate Freedmen's Bureau affairs, was ordered to be printed and lie upon the table.

The Senate, at 4:30 P. M., adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS BEFORE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, introduced, under the call of States for bills, bills to protect the right of action of loyal citizens; to define and punish crimes, and to amend the act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States, which were read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE NATIONAL CURRENCY.

Mr. DUMONT introduced a bill to amend the National Currency Act of June 3, 1864, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

RIGHT OF WAY.

Mr. TROWBRIDGE introduced a bill to amend an act granting the right of way over the military reservation at Fort Gratiot, Michigan, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

POSTAL.

Mr. MCRUER introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Postmaster-General to pay an additional salary to letter-carriers of San Francisco, which was read twice and referred to the Post-office Committee.

ARMY SURGEONS.

Mr. DONELLY introduced a bill relating to Acting Assistant Surgeons in the United States Army, providing for additional compensation to all Post Surgeons and private physicians engaged under contracts by the Government, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

NEBRASKA.

Mr. HITCHCOCK, of Nebraska, introduced a bill to constitute Omaha and Nebraska City, in the Territory of Nebraska, ports of delivery, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

THE INDIANS.

Mr. BRADFORD introduced a bill in relation to trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

The call of States for bills being concluded, the States were called for resolutions.

Mr. LAFLIN offered a resolution directing the Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau to communicate to the House the reports recently made concerning the action of the Bureau by Gens. STEDMAN and FULLERTON, and by Gens. WHITTLESEY and SEWALL, and such other reports as may be in possession of the Bureau.

Mr. LE BLOND desired to amend by directing such reports to be printed and bound with the testimony taken by the Reconstruction Committee.

Mr. LAFLIN explained that that was impossible now, as the testimony was already printed.

The resolution was adopted.

TAXING STATE BONDS.

Mr. DAVIS offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on Banking and Currency to inquire into the expediency of exempting the currency of State bonds outstanding on the 1st of July from the tax of ten per cent., now provided by law, until the 1st day of July, 1867, or some day previous thereto.

SPECIAL TAXATION OF THE SECEDING STATES.

The call of States for resolutions, which commenced on the 5th of February last and progressing a little each Monday, having been concluded, the next business in order was the consideration of a resolution offered by Mr. MCCLURG on the 5th of February, and which then was laid over for one day under the rule, declaring that the continued contumacy of the seceding States renders it necessary to exercise Congressional legislation in order to give the loyal citizens of those States protection in their natural and personal rights enumerated in the Constitution, and in addition thereto makes it necessary to keep on foot a large standing army to maintain the authority of the Government; that the country is already overburdened by a war debt incurred to defend the nationality against an infamous rebellion, and that it is neither just nor politic to inflict this vast additional expense on the peaceful industry of the nation; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Joint Committee on Reconstruction to inquire into the expediency of levying contributions on the seceding States to defray the extraordinary expenses that would otherwise be imposed on the General Government, and that said Committee be instructed to report by bill or otherwise.

The "previous question" being moved and seconded,

Mr. NIBLACK moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The motion was negatived.

The motion was then agreed to by yeas 73, nays 35.

THE PUNISHMENT OF TREASON.

The next business in order was the consideration of the resolutions offered by Mr. HENDERSON, of Oregon, on the 19th of February, and which were then laid over under the rule, declaring it as the sense of this House that all just and righteous Governments are intended not to confer rights and privileges upon the subjects thereof, but to secure to each and every individual the full, free and unstrammeled exercise and enjoyment of all those rights which God has bestowed upon him. Second, that the safety, happiness and prosperity of the people require that just and adequate penalties be affixed to the violation of law, and that these penalties be inflicted upon transgressors not for the purpose of retaliation or revenge, but to insure subordination and obedience. Third, that this House will stand by and sustain the President in executing the laws of the United States upon a sufficient number of leading rebels in each of the States lately in insurrection against the National Government, to vindicate the majesty of the law to sustain the confidence of the loyal people, and to warn the refractory for all time to come.

Mr. NIBLACK suggested that the resolutions were too indefinite, and that the House should inform the President about how many rebels he should have executed.

The "previous question" being moved and seconded, the resolutions were agreed to without a division.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

The next business in order was the consideration of a resolution offered by Mr. DEFREES on the 26th of February, and which was then laid over under the rule, declaring that it is the opinion of the House that Congress has no constitutional right to fix the qualifications of electors in the several States.

Mr. ROGERS moved to lay the resolution on the table, and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was lost—yeas 13, nays 97.

Mr. RANDALL said it was a judicial measure, and moved to refer it to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, said it was not a judicial, but a constitutional question.

Mr. LE BLOND said that it should be referred, with instructions to report back favorably at any time.

Mr. BRANDEGEE declined to accept the suggestion, saying he wanted to get this measure out of the way, so that the House might get at the Bounty Bill.

The yeas and nays being taken on the reference, resulted in yeas, 86; nays 30. So the resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Mr. ELIOT asked leave to offer a concurrent resolution to appoint a Joint Committee, consisting of two Senators and three members of the House, to investigate the action of the Freedmen's Bureau and of its officers in the States where the Bureau has been in operation, with power to send for persons and papers, to examine witnesses under oath, to employ a stenographer and clerk, and directing the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House or Senate, or one of the deputies of either, to accompany the Committee, the Committee to have power to report at any time, and its expenses to be paid out of the contingent funds of both Houses in equal proportion.

Mr. ROSS objected, saying he thought it better to leave the matter to Gens. GRANT and SHERMAN.

Mr. ELIOT moved to suspend the rules in order to enable him to offer the resolution.

The rules were suspended by a vote of 92 to 29—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The resolution was then offered and adopted by a vote of 83 to 27.

THE VETERAN SOLDIERS OF OHIO.

On motion of Mr. SCHENCK, the Senate joint resolution, passed May 18, authorizing the Adjutant-General of the State of Ohio to distribute through the mails, free of postage, to veteran soldiers reenlisted in Ohio, certain medals furnished by the General Assembly of that State, was taken from the Speaker's table, read three times and passed.

THE SIOUX INDIANS.

Mr. STEVENS offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information respecting the purchase of land for the accommodation of the Sioux Indians.

MOBILE NEGROES.

Mr. ELDRIDGE desired to offer a mock resolution for the appointment of a Committee of three members to proceed to Mobile and investigate the circumstances of a row among the negroes in a church in that city.

Objection was made, and Mr. MORRILL, who had the floor, declined to yield to a motion to suspend the rules.

DIRECT TAX IN SOUTHERN STATES.

Mr. GARFIELD offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the President to furnish to the House information as to the collection of the direct tax on States lately in insurrection, what amount of such tax has been collected in the several States, what amount of property is held by the Government under sales, and how much has been received from such sales.

EVENING SESSIONS.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL, amended by Mr. GARFIELD, it was ordered that from and after to-morrow the House take a recess each day from 4-30 to 7:30 o'clock.

A PORT OF DELIVERY.

Mr. GRINWOLD introduced a bill to provide for making the town of Whitehall, New-York, a port of delivery, which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSEHOLD.

On motion of Mr. SPALDING, the Committee of the Whole was discharged from the consideration of the bill to authorize the President to appoint certain officers of his household, and fixing their salaries, and the bill came before the House for action.

It authorizes the President, in addition to the present officers of his household, to employ one assistant secretary and a number of clerks not exceeding four. The private secretary of the President is to be paid an annual salary of $4,000, the assistant secretary an annual salary of $3,000, each of the clerks an annual salary of $1,800, and the steward of the household an annual salary of $2,000.

Mr. SPALDING moved to amend by authorizing the appointment of a stenographer to the President, at an annual salary of $2,500. He said that these officers were already employed, being detailed by order of the War Department, and the only effect of the bill was to give the direct appointment to the President.

Mr. STEVENS asked what the stenographer was for?

Mr. SPALDING replied: For short-hand writing.

Mr. STEVENS wanted to know for what and for whom?

Mr. SPALDING replied: For the President.

Mr. STEVENS said that the amendment was not reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. SPALDING withdrew the amendment, and the bill was passed by a vote of 80 to 25.

Those voting in the negative were:

Messrs. Ashley of Ohio, Baker, Brandegee, Bromwell, Clarke of Kansas, Cobb, Cook, Henderson, Hubbard of Iowa, Hubbard of Connecticut, Hulburd, Kelly, Kelso, Lean, McClurg, McKee, Mercur, Paine, Perham, Plants, Price, Sawyer, Schenck, Sloan, Trowbridge, Upson, Williams and Wilson of Pennsylvania.

Mr. STEVENS did not vote.

On motion of Mr. GARFIELD the title was amended, by changing the words "of his household" into "of the Executive Mansion."

THE NATIONAL CURRENCY ABROAD.

Mr. DUMONT offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Banking and Currency to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the national banking act as requires a redemption of the circulating notes of such banks abroad.

THE STEAMER VANDERBILT.

The Speaker presented a message from the President, transmitting a copy of the correspondence between the Secretary of State and CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, of New-York, relative to the joint resolution of the 28th of January, on the subject of the gift of the steamer Vanderbilt to the United States.

The message was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

A PETITION.

Mr. GARFIELD presented the petition of the Superintendent, Principals and Masters of the Public Schools of Boston, praying for the establishment of a National Bureau of Education. Referred to the Select Committee on National Bureau of Education.

THE PROPOSED TAX ON COTTON.

Mr. DODGE, of New-York, presented the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New-York to Congress about the proposed tax of five cents per pound on cotton. This was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

PETITIONS.

Mr. LAFLIN presented the remonstrance of citizens of Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., against the passage of the bill to reorganize the Federal Judiciary.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition from the citizens of Green County, Penn., asking greater protection to American wool, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. CONKLING presented a petition, of A. P. SEYMOUR and others, praying a change of the law taxing circulation of State Banks, which was referred to the Committee on Banks.

THE TAX BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, on the state of the Union (Mr. DAWES in the chair), and resumed consideration of the TAX BILL, the amendment of Mr. WASHBURNE (Mass.), to exempt brooms and wooden ware from the tax of three per cent., being the first question before the Committee.

The amendment was rejected.

The paragraph was amended so as to read "on scales, pumps, garden-engines, hydraulic rams, brooms, and wooden ware, a tax of three per centum ad valorem."

The paragraph in reference to engines was amended so as to read, "On steam locomotive and traction engines, including the tender and six railroad cars, a tax of five per centum ad valorem; provided that when the boilers or tubes, wheels, tires, axles, belts, shafts, cranks, waists or head-lights of engines or cars shall have been once assessed, and a tax previously paid thereon, the amount so paid shall be deducted from the taxes on the finished engine or car."

The paragraph in respect to wine was amended so as to read, "On wine made of grapes fermented, advanced from juice or must, a tax of five cents per gallon. Provided, that when grape juice or must is sold immediately from the vineyard to vintners it shall not be taxed.

Mr. STEVENS moved to strike out the whole paragraph, arguing that the wine culture of this country, if properly encouraged, would be a great blessing, taking the place of Italy, France and Madeira. He hoped therefore that a heavy hand would not be placed on that infant lest it become deformed.

Mr. MORRILL contended that the wine interest was properly encouraged in the bill, only five cents per gallon being imposed on wine, while $2 is imposed on whisky.

The motion of Mr. STEVENS was further advocated by Messrs. BIDWELL, HIGBY, MCBURR, KELLY, CLARK, of Ohio, and WRIGHT.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, spoke in favor of making the tax ten cents per gallon.

Mr. SPALDING opposed that, but was in favor of the tax reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. KELLEY spoke in favor of cheap wine on account of its moral and physical influence on the population.

Mr. PRICE protested against the idea of the wine-drinking people of France being more moral or healthy than the water-drinking people of the United States. He did not see why whisky, the poor man's beverage should be taxed $2 per gallon, and wine, the rich man's beverage, only 5 cents. He thought wine could bear 50 cents, $1, or perhaps $2 a gallon.

After a discussion extending over an hour, Mr. STEVENS' motion was lost, and the paragraph in reference to wine stands as above reported. The fine for fraudulently evading the tax on made up wines, was increased from $100 to $500.

The paragraph imposing a tax of five per cent on thread, was amended by adding the words "and twine."

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the paragraph in reference to shoemakers by extending the limit of exemption from $1,000 to $2,000.

Mr. ALLEY moved to reduce the tax on boots and shoes from two to one per cent.

Both amendments were rejected.

Mr. MYERS moved to amend by making the tax only on the amount of manufactures in excess of one thousand dollars.

Mr. STEVENS moved to extend the limit of exemption to fifteen hundred dollars.

Both amendments were rejected.

No alteration was made in the paragraphs in regard to boots and shoes and manufactures of clothing, &c.

The Committee having passed from the latter paragraph, thus disposing of five pages of the bill, rose, when it was ordered that the evening sessions should be devoted exclusively to the TAX BILL.

THE PAY DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

The House then proceeded to the business on the Speaker's table, when the following bills, &c., were disposed of:

The Senate's amendments to the House joint resolution to carry into immediate effect the bill to provide for the better organization of the pay department of the navy.

The first amendment was to add a section authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to retain such volunteer officers in the navy as the exigencies of the service may require, until their places can be supplied by graduates from the Naval Academy.

Mr. SCHENCK opposed the amendment, and after some discussion the amendments were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

QUARANTINE.

The Senate amendment to prevent the introduction of cholera into the ports of the United States were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

PENSION BILLS.

A number of private pension bills were referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PASSPORTS.

The Senate amendments to the bill relating to passports were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE FORTIFICATION BILL.

The Senate amendments to the Fortification Bill were referred to the Committee on Appropriation.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

The Senate Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Secretary of the Navy was taken up, when Mr. RICE of Massachusetts moved the previous question on its passage, which was seconded, and the main question ordered.

The House, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

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OFFICE OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, } NO. 58 WALL-ST., CORNER OF HANOVER-ST. } NEW-YORK, May 16, 1866.

NOTICE TO SCRIP STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors, at their stated meeting held this date, unanimously adopted the following, viz.:

Resolved, That a call for fifty (50) per cent. in cash, payable on the 1st day of June, 1866, on the same is hereby made on the holders of the scrip stock of record at the closing of the transfer books on the 26th day of May, 1866, at 3 P. M., being fifty dollars ($50) on each share issued under the act of 1865 to increase the capital stock of the Company.

Resolved, That said payments may be made until and inclusive of the 1st day of August, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum from and after the said 1st day of June.

In accordance with the terms of the said scrip stock, the same, with the amount paid thereon, will be liable to forfeiture in default of payment on or before the said last day of August, 1866.

Certificates of stock will be ready for delivery on the payment and surrender of the certificates of scrip stock at the Company's office.

By order of the Board of Directors.

THEO. T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD CO., } NO. 270 WEST 30TH-ST., NEW-YORK, May 10, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Hudson River Railroad Company for the election of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, No. 270 West 30th-st., New-York City, on MONDAY, June 11, 1866, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M., and a much longer time after the setting of the sun on the same day as the inspectors may find necessary to receive the votes of electors presenting themselves.

The transfer books will be closed from 4 o'clock P. M. on the 21st day of May, until 9 o'clock A. M. on the 12th day of June. AUGUSTUS SCHELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 9, 1866.

AT AN ELECTION FOR MANAGERS held at this office on TUESDAY, 8th inst., pursuant to public notice, the following named gentlemen were duly elected Managers of this Company for the ensuing year, viz.:

William S. Herriman,	Robert L. Kennedy,
Charles N. Talbot,	James M. Halsted,
Edward J. Woolsey,	LeGrand B. Cannon,
G. Talbot Olyphant,	John L. Aspinwall,
Samuel Schieffelin,	Samuel R. Taylor,
Abiel A. Low,	Thomas Dickson,
	O. DeF. Grant;

and at a meeting of the Board of Managers, held THIS DAY, GEORGE TALBOT OLYPHANT, Esq., was unanimously reelected President.

By order of the Board.

ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

THE BANKING HOUSE OF DANIELS, FROZIER & CO. will occupy the premises No. 38 Nassau-st., when completed, on or about the 1st day of June. WILLIAM B. DANIELS,
Banker and merchant, Iowa City.
HIRAM P. CROZIER, late of Huntington, L. I.
LUKE C. COE,
Formerly of Hyde, Coe & McCollum, Merchants, New-York.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILROAD COMPANY.—The undersigned Trustees for the first mortgage bondholders of this Company are receiving from time to time, the proceeds of lands comprised in the sinking fund, being one-fourth in cash and three-fourths in contracts for mortgage, of purchasers. And the Trustees hereby give notice that they will receive proposals from any bondholders who may choose to receive payment in such securities, in the above proportion, and will give preference to those whose offers are most favorable. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES,
A. P. MAN,
Trustees, No. 64 Wall-st.

New-York, May 14, 1866.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, 1866.

DAUPHIN AND SUSQUEHANNA COAL COMPANY.—SCHUYLKILL AND SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD COMPANY RAILROAD BONDS.—The Bonds of the Dauphin and Susquehanna Coal Company, now the Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad Company, secured by mortgage, dated the twenty-second day of April, A. D., 1851, and due May 1, 1866, will be purchased at par on the day of their maturity by and at the office of the Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad Company, No. 227 South Fourth-st., in the City of Philadelphia.

For the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Co.
M. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

CHICAGO AND ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 8, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company for the election of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, on FRIDAY, the 8th day of June next. The polls will be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 12 o'clock M. The transfer books will be closed on the 8th day of May and opened on the 12th day of June next.

C. W. DURANT, President.
FRANCIS H. TOWS, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE No. 227 SOUTH FOURTH-ST., PHILADELPHIA, April 22, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE stockholders of this Company, that the option of receiving their dividends in stock or cash, under the resolution of the Board of 11th December, 1865, will cease on and after the 31st of May, 1866, and that such stockholders as do not demand their dividends to be paid to them in stock on or before that day will be thereafter entitled to receive it in cash only. S. BRADFORD,
Treasurer.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION CO., OFFICE No. 2 NASSAU-ST., CORNER WALL, NEW-YORK, May 14, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, for the election of Directors and transaction of business, will be held at the railroad depot, Jersey City, WEDNESDAY, the 6th June next, at 11 o'clock A. M. FRED. W. RANKIN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 114 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, May 12, 1866.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the North American Fire Insurance Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 114 Broadway, on MONDAY, the 28th day of May, inst. The poll will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M.

R. W. BLEECKER, Secretary.

OFFICE ST. LOUIS, JACKSONVILLE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD CO., JACKSONVILLE, Ill., May 9, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKholders of this Company will be held at their office in Jacksonville, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of June, 1866, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, for election of eleven Directors for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed from the 9th inst. to the 13th June inclusive. CHARLES D. HODGES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HALCYON PETROLEUM CO., No. 14 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, May 17, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of seven Trustees, for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, May 29, instant, at 12 o'clock noon. The poll will remain open from 12 M. until 3 o'clock P. M., of that day.

F. A. MILLER, Secretary.

OFFICE GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 21, 1866.

AN ELECTION FOR TWENTY DIRECtors of this institution for the ensuing year, and three Inspectors of the next succeeding election, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 155 Broadway, on MONDAY, June 4 next.

The poll will be open at 12 M., and close at 1 o'clock P. M. JAMES HARRISON, Secretary.

FOR SALE—$50,000 OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE bonds of the Brooklyn City and Newtown Railroad Company, a portion falling due July 1, 1866, balance in July 1, 1871, bearing 7 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, July and January.

R. B. CATHERWOOD, No. 74 Broadway.

THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK HAVE removed to their new Banking-room, Nassau-st., northeast corner of Pine-st., opposite United States Treasury.

DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD Scrip purchased by TANNER & CO., Bankers, No. 60 Wall-st.

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NO. 141 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL	$200,000
SURPLUS, APRIL 26, 1866	52,000
LOSSES UNPAID	1,095

W. D. WADDINGTON, President.
JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY.

The object of the above company is to substitute a corporation in the place of persons as security to individuals and corporations against loss sustained by the delinquency of persons holding places of trust.

OFFICE, NO. 170 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

PRESIDENT: SHEPHERD KNAPP. VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER: EDWARD C. DELAVAN.
ATTORNEY AND COUNSEL: EDGAR S. VAN WINKLE. GENERAL AGENT: GEORGE W. PRATT.

TRUSTEES:

Shepherd Knapp,	W. H. Isham,	John Van Nest,
S. R. Wrothrop,	Elme H. Ely,	B. F. Wheelwright,
H. L. Wolcott,	James M. Drake,	G. L. Nevius,
David S. Dodge,	O. W. Child,	T. Ketcham,
F. W. Coggill,	G. A. Halsey,	Francis Brown,
G. T. Davis,	E. R. Cobb,	J. P. White,
J. F. Butterworth,	C. Gilbert,	H. D. VanNostrand,
M. A. Hoppock,	H. L. Pierson,	Ezra A. Hayt,
James Marsh,	M. R. Leasp,	A. Quackenbush,
F. R. Lechman,	C. M. Connolly,	
Frank Vincent,	George Elias,	
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THE NEW GAS FROM CRUDE PETROLEUM.

THE BOOKS FOR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CAPITAL STOCK
OF THE
NEW-YORK PETROLEUM GAS AND HEATING COMPANY, (or mutual plan)

Will be opened on THURSDAY, the 17th day of May, at the Banking-house of J. NELSON LUCKEY, No. 263 Broadway, and will remain open until all the stock is taken.

The capital of the Company is fixed at $3,000,000, with power to increase it to any amount sufficient for the erection of suitable gas-works, and lay down street and service pipes to connect with a fair connection with other gas companies in every part of the City of New-York. This Company has purchased all the patented processes for the manufacture of a fixed or permanent gas from crude petroleum, and now offer to the citizens of New-York an opportunity to subscribe to the stock of the Company, which has just been organized for the purpose of furnishing the inhabitants of Manhattan Island with a cheap and brilliant gas, which can be used either for illumination or as a fuel, and to light the public lamps in a manner that the City will be at night as light as day.

The mutual plan of furnishing the gas to the stockholders at cost, allowing a dividend of 10 per cent., having been resolved upon, it is particularly urgent upon gas consumers to be subscribers to the capital stock of this Company; thus not only receiving the benefit of a cheap and beautiful light, but participating in the business of gas-making, having a direct common interest in the welfare of the Company.

Independent of the superior brilliancy of the light as compared with gas produced from coal, and its exemption from offensive smell, the great economy of the Petroleum Gas—it being less than one-half the cost to the consumer than the former—will commend itself to general use, and supply a new, convenient and economical fuel for ordinary and laundry purposes. Gas companies and the public generally are invited to call at the Office of the Company and witness the gas in practical operation, where full particulars will be given.

T. S. VAN BUREN, President.
J. NELSON LUCKEY, Secretary.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY.

Sealed proposals addressed to Herman R. Swift, at Messrs. Ward, Campbell & Co.'s, No. 48 Wall-st., New-York, or to E. B. Watson, Treasurer, Boston, will be received until noon, FRIDAY, May 25, 1866, for the sale of $60,000 of the Land Grants of said Company to the undersigned Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the indenture of mortgage, dated April 1, 1863.

The bids will be opened at the office of the Company, in Boston, on SATURDAY, at 12 o'clock, noon, and the accepted bids will then be declared.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT,
E. B. WATSON,
HERMAN R. SWIFT, } Trustees.
New-York, May 14, 1866.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, NEW-YORK, May 14, 1866.

PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE OF NEW AQUEDUCT STOCK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—Sealed proposals will be received at the Comptroller's office until 12 o'clock M., on TUESDAY, the 29th inst., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars of New Aqueduct Stock of the City of New-York," so authorized by the act of 1865.

The said stock will bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, and the principal will be redeemed on the 1st day of August, 1882, from the sinking fund for the redemption of the City debt.

The proposals will state the amount of stock desired, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof, and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively.

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposits, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for an equal amount of the par value of the sums awarded to them, bearing interest from the dates of payments.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for New Aqueduct Stock of the City of New-York," and inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved to reject any or all of the bids if the interests of the Corporation require it.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

NEW-YORK, May 21, 1866.

NOTICE.—TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE NAGESAW VALLEY LAND SALT AND MINERAL COMPANY.—Those holders of certificates of stock transferred on the books to their name are requested to call on or before July 1, between the hours of 12 and 2 P. M., and transfer the same, as the books will be closed after that date, with a view of making a division of the lands of the Company among its stockholders, according to an act of the Legislature passed at its late session. The property will be divided as per report made to the Legislature, and a copy of which can be had at the office of the Company, No. 15 Wall-st., Room No. 42.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO., NEW-YORK, May 10, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE shareholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Chicago, on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed at the close of business on the 19th instant, and re-opened on the 2d day of June next.

I. A. CATLIN, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the books will be opened for subscription to the capital stock of the UNION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of New-York, at the National Shoe and Leather Bank, corner of Chambers-st. and Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, the 23d inst., and will remain open until the full amount of the authorized capital stock of said Company is subscribed.

M. F. MERRITT,
J. S. HOGHTON, JR., } Commissioners.
JOHN R. SMITH,
NEW-YORK, May 21, 1866.

MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY, COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 45 EXCHANGE-PLACE, (ROOM No. 20, THIRD FLOOR.) NEW-YORK, May 19, 1866.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from May 29, instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. until 10 o'clock A. M., June 15 next, for election of Directors at Stockholders' annual meeting at Milwaukie June 14.

G. E. TAINTOR, Transfer Agent.

AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, for the election of five Directors and three Inspectors of Election, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 129 Greenwich-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, the 29th day of May inst. The polls will be opened at 12 o'clock and closed at 2 o'clock. The transfer books will be closed on the 26th inst. and until after the election. ROBERT J. HUBBARD, Secretary.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY CO., SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, May 19, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BONDholders and stockholders of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company will be held at the office of the Company, in the city of Chicago, on THURSDAY, the 7th day June, 1866, at 11 o'clock A. M.

JAMES R. YOUNG, Secretary.

CONSUMERS' RENDUT COAL COMPANY, No. 106 Broadway, NEW-YORK, May 19, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMpany, for the election of Directors, and for any other business that may lawfully come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in Wilkesbarre, Penn., on Wednesday, June 6, 1866, at 1 P. M.

WM. PAYNE, Secretary.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—1,000 SHARES of Brooklyn City and Newtown Railroad Company Stock. W. L. CATHERWOOD, No. 74 Broadway.

DRAFTS ON CANADA—CANADA BANK notes bought and sold, by HARRISON, GARTH & CO., No. 18 New-st.

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GOVERNMENT STOCKS
AND
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.

CLOSING PRICES.

NEW-YORK, May 21, 1866.

	Buy.	Sell.		Buy.	Sell.
Registered, '81	108½	109	June, 7-30	102¼	102¾
Coupon, '81	108½	109	July, 7-30	102¾	102⅞
5-20 Regist'd, '62.	107¼	107⅝	June, C.L.N's, '64	112	112⅜
5-20 Coupon, '62..	107¼	107⅝	July, C.L.N's, '64	111⅛	111⅜
5-20 Coupon, '64..	103	103¼	Aug., C.L.N's, '64	111	111⅛
5-20 Coupon, '65..	103	103¼	Oct., C.L.N's, '64	110	110⅛
10-40 Registered.	98	98⅜	Dec., C.L.N's, '64	108	109⅜
10-40 Coupon	98	98⅜	May, C.L.N's, '65	106⅜	—
Curr'cy Certifics.	100⅛	100⅜	Aug., C.L.N's, '65	105⅜	—
Gold	130	130⅜	Sept., C.L.N's, '65	104⅜	—
August, 7-30	102⅛	102⅜	Oct., C.L.N's, '65	104⅜	—

OFFICE MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 21, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders and Bondholders of this Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Milwaukee, on the 16th day of June next, at 12 o'clock M. The transfer books will be closed on the 9th day of June, and opened on the 18th day of June next. CHAS. P. GILPIN, A. Sec'y.

5 TO 6,000 SHARES ANNITA COPPER MINING COMPANY of California, at $2 per share; 2,000 shares Princeton Copper Company, of New-Jersey, at $2 per share. For sale by GEORGE F. RILEY & CO., No. 35 Wall-st.

$4,000 WANTED—AT SEVEN PER CENT., for five years, upon a two-story high-stoop modern brick house, 20 feet wide. Address STANLEY DAY, No. 319 4th-av.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS and other States—No. 4 Beekman-st. Room No. 4, first floor over Park Bank.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 16, 1866.

THIRTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. out of the net earnings of the quarter ending April 30, payable at the Office of the Company, on and after June 1, upon the Capital Stock, and so much of the Scrip Stock as has been paid.

The Transfer Books will be closed FRIDAY, the 25th inst., and reopened MONDAY, June 4.

By order of the Board of Directors.

THEO. T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, CORNER 27TH AVENUE AND 27TH STREET, HARLEM RIVER DEPOT, May 14, 1866.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. (5 PER share free from Government Tax) has THIS DAY been declared on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable at this office, on and after FRIDAY, the 18th inst., to those who on that day are Stockholders on the closing of the books, May 1, 1866.

The Transfer Books will reopen on the 19th inst.

W. BEMENT, Treasurer.

SAVINGS BANKS.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID,
FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX,
ON DEPOSITS MADE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10, 1866,
BY THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 26th-st. and 3d-av.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 8TH-AV., Corner 14th-st. Six per cent. interest, free of tax. Deposits made on or before June 1 will draw interest from June 1. THOMAS CHRISTY, President.
R. H. BULL, Secretary.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—NOTICE IS hereby given that a Limited Partnership for the transaction of a general Foreign and Domestic Mercantile Exchange and Commission Business, has been entered into by and between HERMAN R. BALTZER, residing at Southfield, in the County of Richmond, and State of New-York, and WILLIAM G. TAAKS, residing in the City, County and State of New-York, under the firm of "BANK FUR HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE," a Banking Corporation, located at Darmstadt, in the Grand Duchy of Hesse Germany, and WILLIAM A. DEICHMANN, GUSTAV MEYISSEN, ABRAHAM OPPENHEIM and JACOB VOM RATH, all residing in the City of Cologne, in the Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, pursuant to and by virtue of the first title of the fourth chapter of the second part of the Revised Statutes of the State of New-York and the acts amendatory thereof.

The name or firm under which the said partnership is to be conducted is BALTZER & TAAKS.

The general nature of the business intended to be transacted by the said partnership is a general foreign and domestic mercantile exchange and commission business.

The names of all the general and special partners interested in the said partnership are the said Herman R. Baltzer, William G. Taaks, Bank fur Handel und Industrie, William A. Deichmann, Gustav Meyissen, Abraham Oppenheim and Jacob Vom Rath, in which partnership the said Herman R. Baltzer and William G. Taaks are the general partners, and the said Bank fur Handel und Industrie, William A. Deichmann, Gustav Meyissen, Abraham Oppenheim and Jacob Vom Rath, are the special partners, and their respective places of residence are as follows: that is to say, the said Herman R. Baltzer resides in the said County of Richmond, and State of New-York; the said William G. Taaks resides in the City, County and State of New-York in the United States of America; and the said Bank fur Handel und Industrie is located at Darmstadt, in the Grand Duchy of Hesse Germany; and the said William A. Deichmann, Gustav Meyissen, Abraham Oppenheim and Jacob Vom Rath reside in the City of Cologne, in the Kingdom of Prussia, Germany.

The said Bank fur Handel und Industrie, as one of the special partners, has contributed to the general stock of the said copartnership the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and seven cents; and the said William A. Deichmann, one of the special partners, has contributed to the common stock of the said copartnership the sum of twenty-two thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty-three cents; and the said Gustav Meyissen, Abraham Oppenheim and Jacob Vom Rath, three of the said special partners, have each contributed to the common stock of the said copartnership the sum of twenty-two thousand two hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-two cents in United States currency, making the amount contributed in the aggregate by the said special partners the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in United States currency.

The period at which the said partnership is to commence is the twentieth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and the said copartnership is to continue until and terminate upon the thirty-first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Dated June 2, April 20, 1866.

HERMAN R. BALTZER,
BANK FUR HANDEL UND INDUSTRIE,
By JOSEPH LABOCQUE, Attorney.
WILLIAM L. DEICHMANN,
By JOSEPH LABOCQUE, Attorney.
GUSTAV MEYISSEN,
By JOSEPH LABOCQUE, Attorney.
ABRAHAM OPPENHEIM,
By JOSEPH LABOCQUE, Attorney.
JACOB VOM RATH,
By JOSEPH LABOCQUE, Attorney.

No. 26 SOUTH WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, May 22, 1866.

WE HAVE THIS DAY AUTHORISED Messrs. ERNEST OTTEN, 2 Pine Ct., to RECEIVE from per promissories.

HOWARD & PERRY.

MR. ANDREW E. MORRIS has been admitted a member of our Association.

HOWE & PERRY,
No. 76 Bowery, New-York.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

First—For regulating and paving with stone blocks Thirty-seventh-street from Park to Madison-avenue.

Second—For paving with stone blocks Thirty-ninth-street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues.

Third—For paving with trap blocks Forty-sixth-street, from Fourth to Lexington-avenue.

Fourth—For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging Seventy-seventh-street from Second to Fourth-avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on

First—Both sides of Thirty-seventh-street to the extent of half the block, between Park and Madison avenues.

Second—All the lots on both sides of Thirty-ninth-street to the extent of half the block, between Lexington and Fourth avenues.

Third—All the lots on both sides of Forty-sixth-street to the extent of half the block, between Lexington and Fourth avenues.

Fourth—All the lots on both sides of Seventy-seventh-street to the extent of half the block, from Second to Fourth-avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who shall object to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to one of the undersigned, at their office, number thirty-two Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

JACOB F. OAKLEY,
DANIEL D. CONOVER,
ISAAC O. HUNT,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, May 17, 1866.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—THE COMMITtee on Roads of the Board of Aldermen will meet in Room No. 8 City Hall, on THURSDAY next, the 24th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of investigating the subject of opening a new street or avenue between Fourth and Fifth avenues, Fifty-seventh and Sixty-fourth streets. Inasmuch as the Board of Councilmen have acted favorably on the proposition, and passed the necessary resolutions and ordinance for completing the work, this will probably be the last opportunity afforded for expressing the views of those interested, either for or against the measure, before final action is taken by the Common Council; consequently all such persons are hereby notified to be present at the above-mentioned time and place, without further notification.

PETER MASTERSON,
ROBERT McGINNIS,
B. W. VAN VOORHIS,
Committee on Roads.

MADAME DE CORA, MATRIMONIAL AGENCY, No. 129½ West 30th-st., between 7th and 8th avs. New-York.

DRY GOODS

UNION ADAMS,
NO. 37 BROADWAY,

is now opening almost daily, upon the arrival of steamers from

LONDON AND PARIS,

GAUZE MERINO
UNDERSHIRTS
AND DRAWERS.

GAUZE SILK
UNDERSHIRTS
AND DRAWERS,

FANCY AND PLAIN
LISLE THREAD HOSE
AND HALF-HOSE,

RICH EMBROIDERED
PARIS
SHIRT FRONTS,

ELEGANT FANCY
FRENCH
SHIRTINGS,

BUFF,
WHITE
AND MODE
LISLE THREAD GLOVES

DOG,
CAPE AND KID
PROMENADE GLOVES,

&c., &c., &c.

The above goods have all been put in store at a low gold premium, and will be sold at low prices.

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MOURNING GOODS.

Black Barèges, Grenadines, Alpacas, Mohairs, Silks, Bombazines, De Laines, Poplins, Shawls, Cloaks, Mantillas, Gloves, Parasols, Hosiery, Collars, Veils, &c. Also, White and Part Mourning Goods and Traveling Dress Goods, in great variety,

AT REDUCED PRICES.
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461 to 467 BROADWAY, cor. Grand-st.
Nos 255 to 261 GRAND-ST.
Nos. 47 and 49 CATHARINE-ST.

RICH LYONS SILKS,

Plain Colors, Black and Fancy. Also, Rich Silk Robes—a fine assortment for Spring. Also, fashionable LOW-PRICED SILKS, in great variety, at retail.

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LACE CURTAINS, DRAPERIES, BROCATelle, Reps, Damasks, Chain Laines, Plushes, Chintzes, Cornices, Bands, Tassels, and Upholstery Goods, and fixtures of every kind. Window Shades, Table and Piano Covers, &c., &c.

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DRESS GOODS FOR SPRING,
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HOSIERY, GLOVES, TIES, SCARFS, Parasols, Silk and Woolen Drawers, Vests, &c. A fine assortment at Retail,

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VELVETS CARPETS, TAPESTRIES, Brussels and Ingrain Carpetings, Stair Carpets, Oilcloths, Rugs, Mats, Matting, Rods, &c.,

AT REDUCED PRICES.
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 255 to 261 GRAND-ST.

GREAT SACRIFICE IN CLOAKS:
RICH PARIS CLOAKS AND MANTILLAS.
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF ELEGANT DESIGNS at a great
REDUCTION FROM COST!
Also, our entire stock of new and elegant CLOAKS, RASQUES, SACQUES, CIRCULARS, &c., manufactured expressly for our retail sales at
GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461 to 467 BROADWAY, corner of Grand-st.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS REQUESTED
TO A FINE ASSORTMENT OF
INFANTS' SILK AND LACE CAPS,
And Ladies' Braided and Tamboured Breakfast Robes of the latest Paris Designs, just added to our
LADIES' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT
LORD & TAYLOR,
Nos. 461 to 467 BROADWAY, (Cor. Grand-st.)

AT

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THE NORTH AMERICAN LLOYD.
ONLY AMERICAN LINE OF FIRST-CLASS OCEAN STEAMERS
Between NEW-YORK and BREMEN via COWES, carrying the U. S. Mail, taking passengers to England, France and Germany. Leave New-York, from Pier No. 46 North River, on THURSDAYS:
Ericsson, Lowner, Commander, 2,200 tons, 600 horse power.....24th May.
Atlantic, CHAS. HOYER, Commander, 3,000 tons, 1,600 horse power.....31st May.
Baltic, A. G. JONES, Commander, 3,000 tons, 1,600 horse power.....14th June.
Western Metropolis, H. SANDERS, Commander, 2,600 tons, 1,000 horse power.....20th June.
Hamburger, W. G. FURBER, Commander, 2,600 tons, 800 horse power.....July.
Further departures from New-York (besides extra steamers): July 18, August 2, 16; September 6, 20; October 4, 18; November 8, 22; December 13, 27.
DEPARTURES FROM BREMEN, respectively—Cowes, May 1, 15; June 5, 13, 26, 27; July 11, 25; August 15, 29; September 12; October 3, 17; November 1, 28; December 5, 12.
RATES OF PASSAGE, payable in gold, or its equivalent in currency, from NEW-YORK TO BREMEN, Havre, London and Southampton:
First cabin, $126; second cabin, $80 50; steerage, $37 50.
FROM BREMEN, &c., TO NEW-YORK:
First cabin, $126; second cabin, $80; steerage, $45.
RETURN TICKETS: First cabin, $205; second cabin, $132 50; steerage, $77 50.
For freight or passage apply to
EUGEN BROS., General Agents,
No. 45 Beaver-st.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
(Limited.)
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.
ENGLAND	3,400	Grace.
SCOTLAND	3,698	Hall.
VIRGINIA	2,876	Prowse.
HELVETIA	3,315	Ogilvie.
QUEEN	3,517	Grogan.
ERIN	3,310	Dutting.
PENNSYLVANIA	2,872	Lewis.
LOUISIANA	2,196	Thompson
DENMARK	3,117	Thomsen
FRANCE	3,700	(Building)
GERMANY	3,100	(Building)

Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
VIRGINIA.....SATURDAY, May 26
DENMARK.....SATURDAY, June 2
SCOTLAND.....SATURDAY, June 9
AND EVERY SATURDAY THEREAFTER.
The size of these steamships admits of very spacious state-rooms, all opening directly into the saloon; the accommodations and fare are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.
An experienced Surgeon on each ship free of charge.
Steerage passage tickets to bring parties from Liverpool or Queenstown, for $40 currency.
Cabin passage to Liverpool $100; Steerage, $30—payable in currency.
The owners of these vessels will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having their value expressed therein, are signed therefor.
For freight or passage apply at the office of the Company, No. 57 Broadway, and for steerage tickets at the passage office of the company, No. 27 Broadway, or No. 276 Pearl-st
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.
The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, on the following days, as nearly as possible, viz:
FULTON, S. SAMUELS.....Saturday, June 9, 1866.
ARAGO, HENRY A. GARDNER.....Saturday, July 7, 1866.
FULTON, S. SAMUELS.....Saturday, Aug. 4, 1866.
ARAGO, HENRY A. GARDNER.....Saturday, Sept. 1, 1866.
FULTON, S. SAMUELS.....Saturday, Sept. 29, 1866.
And every twenty-eight days thereafter.
PRICES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD.
First cabin.....$132 50 | Second cabin.....$85 00
Through tickets to London, $5 extra.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless Bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
J. J. COMSTOCK, Agent.
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.
JAMES A. WOTTON, Agent, Havre and Paris.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
CHINA leaves Boston Wednesday, May 23.
JAVA leaves New-York Wednesday, May 30.
CUBA leaves Boston Wednesday, June 6.
TARIFA leaves New-York Wednesday, June 13.
AFRICA leaves Boston Wednesday, June 20.
SCOTIA leaves New-York Wednesday, June 27.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$122 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$112 50
Second Cabin Passage.....65 00
payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Specie or Valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown. The inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails:
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....SATURDAY.....May 26
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY.....June 2
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY.....June 9
EDINBURGH.....SATURDAY.....June 16
CITY OF PARIS.....SATURDAY.....June 23
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY,
BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
First Cabin.....$120 | Steerage.....$35
First Cabin to London.....125 | Steerage to London.....40
First Cabin to Paris.....140 | Steerage to Paris.....50
Wednesday's steamers will temporarily carry freight only.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $40. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent. No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50, North River, as follows:
PEREIRE.....DUCRESNE.....SATURDAY, June 2
VILLE DE PARIS.....DUMONT.....SATURDAY, June 16
LAFAYETTE.....LEMARIE.....SATURDAY, June 30
NAPOLEON III.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, July 14
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.
First cabin, $130; second cabin, $80, including table wine in either class.
The steamers of this line do not carry steerage passengers.
Passengers intending to land at Brest will be furnished here with railroad coupon tickets, and their baggage checked to Paris, at an additional charge of $5 for first and $3 for second class.
Medical attendance free of charge.
For further information apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent. No. 58 Broadway.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL, calling at Queenstown. An extra Cunard steamer will sail from BRINDISI,
TARIFA.....WEDNESDAY, May 23.
TRIPOLI.....WEDNESDAY, May 30.
HECLA.....WEDNESDAY, June 6.
These steamers have very fine accommodations for a few cabin passengers.
Passage money $100, gold or its equivalent.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.
The United States Mail Sidewheel Steamship
MORRO CASTLE,
R. ADAMS, COMMANDER,
Will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on WEDNESDAY, May 23, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.
For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.
N. B.—The favorite steamship EAGLE will succeed the MORRO CASTLE, and leave on May 30.

STEAM TO LONDON DIRECT—THE splendid British iron steamship MONTEZUMA, Joseph Hanshaw, Master, will leave Pier No. 3 North River, as above, on SATURDAY, May 26.
First Cabin, $90; Second Cabin, $60; payable in United States currency.
For passage apply to CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Agent, No. 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

FOR NORFOLK, CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.
The new and elegant SIDE-WHEEL steamships HATTERAS, Capt. LEWIS PARRISH, every SATURDAY, at 12 M.
ALBEMARLE, Capt. H. A. BOURNE, every WEDNESDAY, at 10 A. M.
FROM PIER NO. 26 NORTH RIVER.
Freight at printed tariff rates.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 88 Liberty-st.

FOR NORFOLK AND CITY POINT.
The OLD LINE, from Pier No. 21, North River.
NIAGARA, Capt. COUCH.
EVERY SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
SARATOGA, Capt. KING.
EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.
G. HEINEKEN & PALMORE,
No. 115 Broadway.
Agents New-York and Virginia Steamship Co.

FOR CHARLESTON S. C.
PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FIRST CABIN PASSAGE.....THIRTY DOLLARS.
EMILY P. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD.
MONEKA.....Capt. C. P. MARSHMAN.
The above splendid steamships will leave every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 47 North River, invariably landing cargo at Charleston on Monday morning.
The new and elegant steamship
MONEKA,
will leave on THURSDAY, May 24.
For freight or passage, with unsurpassed accommodation, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 88 Liberty-st.
Consignees at Charleston, ARCHIBALD, GETTY & CO. All bills of lading signed on board the vessel.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.
Regular Line of First-Class Steamships.
Pier No. 14, East River, foot of Wall-st.
SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander,
FARE REDUCED.
The A No. 1 very fast and elegant steamship
is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched on SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M. For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
ARTHUR LEARY,
No. 73 William-st.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
The new and elegant sidewheel steamship
RALEIGH,
W. B. EATON, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 36 North River, on WEDNESDAY, May 23, at 3 o'clock P. M.
For freight, at lowest rates, or Passage, having superior stateroom accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.
Through bills of lading given to Mobile and Galveston. Agents at New-Orleans, JAMES CONNOLY & CO.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
The new and first-class steamship GEORGE CROMWELL, Capt. E. E. VAILL, will leave Pier No. 9, North River, on SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M. For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 56 West-st.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
The New-York Mail Steamship Company's steamship EVENING STAR will leave on SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M., from the Company's pier, No. 45 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. RAYNOR, No. 10 Barclay-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.—THE fast sailing steamship HUNTSVILLE will sail on SATURDAY, June 2, at 3 o'clock, from Pier 13, North River. For freight or passage apply to R. LOUDEN, 96 West-st., cor. Cedar.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE
TO CALIFORNIA,
AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL
leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday), for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with the company's steamers, sailing from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO
MAY.
1st, ARIZONA, connecting with SACRAMENTO.
11th, COSTA RICA, connecting with GOLDEN AGE.
21st, NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION.
[Departures on 1st, 11th and 21st of each month, if Saturday or Sunday, will be on the preceding Saturday.]
Passengers booked through to PORTS OF CALIFORNIA, for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Time of the steamers allowed for each port touched at MANZANILLO.
Passenger checked through. One hundred pounds allowed each adult.
An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.
Passengers' tickets or further information apply at the company's office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.
S. K. HOLMAN, Agent.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
WEEKLY LINE.
PASSENGER SIDE-WHEEL STEAMERS.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON.....Capt. J. B. BAKER.
GEN. BARNES.....Capt. THOS. H. MORTON.
FREIGHT AT REDUCED RATES.
Cabin passage.....$20
The favorite side-wheel passenger steamship
HERMAN LIVINGSTON,
Capt. J. B. BAKER,
will leave on SATURDAY, May 26, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 26 North River.
For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.
Agents in Savannah,
WILDER & FULLARTON.

FOR SAVANNAH GEORGIA.
EVERY SATURDAY, AT 3 P. M.
Pier No. 13 North River, foot of Cedar-st.
EMPIRE SIDE-WHEEL LINE.
FREIGHTS REDUCED.
The fast and favorite steamships
MISSOURI, LOVELAND, Commander, sails May 26.
SAN SALVADOR, ATKINS, Commander, sails June 3.
Cabin passage.....FIFTEEN DOLLARS.
Through tickets issued to the interior.
For freight or passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to
GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—United States passports, indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES, Passport Agent, No. 262 Broadway.

RAILROADS.

CONSOLIDATED LINE.
GREAT THROUGH ROUTE
TO
THE MINING REGION
AND
THE PACIFIC STATES.
THE
HOLLADAY OVERLAND MAIL
AND
EXPRESS COMPANY,
having consolidated the property of the "OVERLAND STAGE LINE" and the "OVERLAND DESPATCH COMPANY"—comprising all the overland stage lines running west from the Missouri River—and largely increased and improved their stock and coaches, and reduced their rates nearly 25 per cent, will run
A DAILY LINE OF COACHES
to all the principal points in the Gold Mines of Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, California and Oregon.
They are now running daily coaches from TOPEKA, (in connection with the railroad from ST. LOUIS) via the "Smoky Hill" route, to DENVER, Kansas, (in connection with the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad,) and from NEBRASKA CITY and OMAHA, via DENVER CITY, Colorado, to SALT LAKE CITY, in Utah, and there connecting with their line of coaches for Virginia City and Helena, in Montana; Boise City, in Idaho; Walla Walla, Dallas City and Portland, Oregon. At Denver City, Colorado, connecting with their double daily line of coaches for Central City, Blackhawk and Empire City.
Passengers for New-Mexico and Arizona also connect at Denver with a daily coach for Santa Fe and Fort Union, Taos, Santa Fe and other points in those Territories.
Passengers for Nevada and California connect at Salt Lake City with daily coaches for Austin, Reese River, Virginia City, Nevada, Humboldt and San Francisco, California.
This Company will also, at an early day, run a limited number of coaches from Salt Lake City through the silver mining district of the Parahuaretz Valley to Colliville, at the head of navigation on the Colorado River.
RATES OF FARE:
Between Topeka, Atchison, Nebraska City, Omaha } and Denver.....$125
Between above points and Salt Lake City.....250
Between Denver and Salt Lake City.....150
Between Salt Lake City and Boise.....125
Between Salt Lake City and Virginia City.....125
Through tickets from the Missouri River to Boise and Virginia City.....350
TIME:
To Denver City 5 Days,
To Salt Lake 9½ Days,
To Boise 12½ Days,
To Virginia City 13 Days.
To San Francisco 16 Days.
A treasure and freight express, carried on mail time in charge of trustworthy and competent messengers, to all of the above-named points.
For further information apply at the office of the Company,
No. 35 William-st., corner of Exchange-place, New-York.
BEN HOLLADAY, President.
W. S. GURNEE, Vice President.
WM. H. FOGG, Secretary.
MICHAEL REILLY, } Directors.
S. L. M. BARLOW, }
JOHN E. RUSSELL, Treasurer.
GEO. K. OTIS, Secretary.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, May 14, 1866, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave Pier No. 39 North River:
7:45 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with Troy and Boston Railroad, Burlington and Montreal.
10 A. M. Mail train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for North.
4 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, etc.; at Albany with trains for West, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga Springs, Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
4 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for West, and at Troy with trains for Montreal; with sleeping-car attached.
5 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Road for Lebanon Springs and Pittsfield; at Albany with trains for West, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and Montreal.
7 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. This train will run on Sundays. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, arriving at Albany and Troy in the morning, and connecting with trains for North and West.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT of foot of Chambers-st., via Pavonia Ferry:
7:00 A. M.—Day Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West. Connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.
8:30 A. M.—Newburgh Way Train, daily, to Otisville.
10:00 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, and Dunkirk, connecting with Lake Shore and Atlantic and Great Western Railways.
3:00 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown.
4:30 P. M.—Way Train, for Port Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West.
7:00 P. M.—Lightning Express, Daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West; connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.
8:00 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West.
H. RIDDLE, General Superintendent, New-York.
WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent, New-York.

RARITAN AND DELAWARE BAY RAILROAD COMPANY.—NOTICE.—On and after MONDAY, May 14th, 1866, trains on this road will run as follows:
Leave New-York, Pier No. 32 North River, 11 A. M. Express line for Camden direct, taking passengers to Red Bank, Long Branch, Farmingdale, Pricketown, Manchester, Tom's River, Woodmansie, Barnegat, Shamong, Tuckerton, Atsion, Jackson, and all the stations on the Camden and Atlantic Railroad. Through tickets issued to Cape May. 4:30 P. M. For Port Monmouth, Highlands, Middletown, Red Bank, Shrewsbury, Eatontown, Ocean Port, Branch Port, Long Branch, Shark River, Farmingdale, Squambeam, Brickburgh, Manchester, Town's River and Camden; fare $2. Freight train at 5 P. M. for all points on the line and Camden. Returning trains leave Camden: Express at 9:30 A. M., arriving in New-York at 2:15 P. M. Freight at 3:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 4 A. M. Way mail and Express at 3:30 A. M., arriving in New-York at 9:30 A. M.
WM. N. CLAYTON, Superintendent.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—SPRING TIME TABLE FROM MAY 7.
Leave Jamaica-slip, New-York:
8 A. M., for Greenport and way stations.
10:30 A. M., for Syosset and way stations.
3:30 P. M., Express train, for Greenport.
4:30 P. M., for Hempstead and way stations.
5:30 P. M., for North Islip and way stations, and on Saturday nights to Yaphank.

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THOS. W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

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The steamboat BRIDGEPORT, Capt. CHAS. WEBER, leaves New-York daily (Sundays excepted) from Pier No. 2 East River, foot Catherine-st., at 12 o'clock M., connecting with Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads; returning, leaves Bridgeport in time for the accommodation of passengers for New-York and New-Haven Railroad, on New-York and New-Haven Railroad, Housatonic and west. Returning—Will leave Bridgeport, from foot of Fairfield Railroad wharf, EVERY NIGHT (Saturdays excepted) at 11 o'clock P. M. The new and splendid steamer J. B. SCHUYLER, Capt. JOHN MCNEIL, leaves New-York from canal pier EVERY AFTERNOON (Sundays excepted) at 3:30 P. M., arriving at Bridgeport in time to connect with the New-York and New-Haven Railroad train for Stratford, Milford and New-Haven. Returning—Will leave Bridgeport from Housatonic Railroad wharf, daily (Sundays excepted) at 8½ A. M., on arrival of passengers trains on Housatonic, Naugatuck and New-York and New-Haven Railroads. Freight received daily and forwarded by all the lines.
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The new, fast and elegant steamer
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N. L. MCCREADY & CO.,
No. 36 South-st.

IRVINGTON, TARRYTOWN AND SING SING.
The directors, stockholders and residents of the above-named places are invited to take passage on the new boat SUNNYSIDE, belonging to the Lower Hudson Steamboat Company, on THURSDAY next, the 24th inst. She leaves her dock, foot of Chambers-st., North River, at 4 o'clock P. M.

SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH, Sandy Hook, Highlands, Port Washington, Mount's and Brown's Dock, Fairhaven and Red Bank—The steamer METAMORA, Capt. J. SPENCER, will leave the short pier, foot of Barclay-st., as follows:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.		LEAVE RED BANK.	
Tuesday, May 22	P.M.	Monday, May 21	11 A.M.
Thursday, 10	P.M.	Wednesday, 23	1 P.M.
Saturday, 12	3½ P.M.	Friday, 11	1 P.M.
Monday, 14	3½ P.M.	Monday, 14	7 A.M.
Tuesday, 15	3½ P.M.	Tuesday, 15	7 A.M.
Thursday, 17	9 A.M.	Wednesday, 16	7½ A.M.
Saturday, 19	10 A.M.	Friday, 18	10 A.M.
Tuesday, 22	8½ A.M.	Monday, 21	11 A.M.
Wednesday, 23	9 A.M.	Tuesday, 22	11 A.M.
Thursday, 24	2 P.M.	Wednesday, 23	1½ P.M.
Saturday, 26	3½ P.M.	Friday, 25	3 P.M.
Monday, 28	3½ P.M.	Monday, 28	6½ P.M.
Tuesday, 29	3½ P.M.	Tuesday, 29	6 A.M.
Wednesday, 30	3½ P.M.	Wednesday, 30	7½ A.M.
Thursday, 31	3½ P.M.	Thursday, 31	7½ A.M.

MAY, 1866.—SHREWSBURY AND LONG Branch, Sandy Hook, Highlands, Port Washington, Mount's and Brown's Docks, Fairhaven and Red Bank.—The new and elegant steamboat SEA BIRD, Capt. H. R. PARKER, will leave pier foot of Chambers-street, North River:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Saturday, 19th, at 10 A. M.	Monday, 21st, at 11 A. M.
Tuesday, 22d, at 9 A. M.	Tuesday, 22d, at 1 P. M.
Wednesday, 23d, at 10 A. M.	Wednesday, 23d, at 1 P. M.
Friday, 25th, at 3 P. M.	Thursday, 24th, at 1½ P. M.
Friday, 25th, at 11½ A. M.	Friday, 25th, at 3½ P. M.
Saturday, 26th, at 9½ P. M.	Monday, 28th, at 6 A. M.
Monday, 28th, at 3½ P. M.	Tuesday, 29th, at 7 A. M.
Tuesday, 29th, at 3½ P. M.	Wednesday, 30th, at 7 A. M.
Wednesday, 30th, at 3½ P. M.	Thursday, 31st, at 7 A. M.
Thursday, 31st, at 4 P. M.	Friday, June 1, at 8 A. M.
Saturday, June 2d, at 9½ A. M.	

All freight must be on board at least a quarter of an hour before starting.

AFTERNOON BOAT FOR NEWBURGH AND FISHKILL.—On and after WEDNESDAY, May 16, the steamboat MAGENTA will leave New-York every afternoon (Sundays excepted) from foot of Barclay-st., at 3 o'clock, for Peekskill, Cozzens' Dock and Cornwall; returning will leave Fishkill at 6:30 A. M. and Newburgh at 6:45, landing as above.

NEW-YORK AND TROY STEAMBOAT COMPANY.—The boats of this line (CONNECTICUT and RIP VAN WINKLE) leave Pier 41 North River, foot of West-st., for Troy, (no change in ticketing by railroad North and East) daily, Saturdays excepted, at 6 o'clock P. M.

FOR NEWBURGH, WEST POINT, Poughkeepsie, Rondout and Kingston, landing at Cozzens' Dock, Cornwall, New-Hamburgh and Milton.—The steamer ALIDA leaves Desbrosses-st. EVERY AFTERNOON, at 3½ o'clock.

FOR NORWALK.—CONNECTING WITH the Danbury Railroad. The swift new steamer NEVERSINK leaves Pier No. 37, foot of Market-st., EVERY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock. Leaves Norwalk at 7:45 A. M.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with Railroad.

FOR SALE—THE STEAM LIGHTER GEN. Lowe; 120 feet long, 20 feet beam; draft 4 feet, 6 feet 8 inches hold; has 2 cylinders, 12x16; also, a donkey hoisting engine aboard. Can be seen from 1 to 4 o'clock P. M., at Peck-slip. Also, one new propeller tug, 105 feet long, 18 feet beam, 5 feet 8 inches hold; has 2 cylinders, 12x18; Lignthall's patent condenser; is entirely new and in complete running order. Apply to J. S. UNDERHILL, shipyard, Greenpoint, L. I.

STEAMBOAT J. M. LOUIS FOR SALE OR CHARTER.—120 feet long, 20 feet beam; draft 4 feet, 6 feet 8 inches hold; has 2 cylinders, 12x16; also, a new second-hand Government ship boats, at half price; also, all kinds of new boats on hand, at the boat-building shop of STEPHEN ROBERTS, foot of Sixteenth-st. after Harlem River; steamboat lies at the above dock, in Harlem.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE.—WILL BE SOLD AT PRIVATE sale, a superb pair of carriage horses, very stylish, 16¾ hands high, 7 years old, perfectly sound and gentle, blood bay, with black points; also, a double rockaway, built by Lyons & Hatch, Brooklyn, and a large 3-passenger wagon and single harness. The above will be sold low, as the owner is going to Europe. Can be seen at private stable, No. 74 West 13th-st.; inquire for JOHN BROWN, coachman.

FOR SALE—A PAIR OF BLACK MARES, 14¾ hands, sound and kind in single or double harness; good travelers as a team, and near mare can trot in three minutes; very stylish, and one of the most attractive teams in the city for coupe, pair or cross-cry driving. Also, a very handsome light phaeton and double harness, Prince's metal mountings. Price for the whole, $3,000. Address X., Box No. 118 New-York Post-office.

FOR SALE—AN ELEGANT BROWN MARE, 7 long tail, five years old, 15 hands high, sound, well broke and kind in harness and a splendid saddle-horse, being an easy natural trotter. Sold for want of use, the owner expecting to leave the City. Price $200. Also, a good leather top buggy wagon, in good condition; price $200. Sold together or separately. Inquire at Gedney's livery-stable, corner 2d-av. and 5th-st.

CARRIAGES DAMAGED.—30 SOILED BY removal from No. 460 Broadway, City Assembly Rooms, for sale cheap; 300 new carriages, 1,000 sets harness. C. WITTY, Nos. 636 and 638 Broadway, and 105, 106 and 110 Crosby-st. Office entrance, No. 638 Broadway.

FOR SALE—CHESTNUT HORSE, 15½ HANDS, 8 years old; sound, kind and gentle; can trot in three minutes to the pole; also sorrel mare, 15½ hands, 7 years old, very stylish, perfectly sound; for sale for want of use. Apply at private stable, No. 2 East 30th-st., corner of 5th-av.

FOR SALE—A FINE PAIR OF 15-HAND COACH horses; blood bays, closely matched, perfectly sound and kind, and as stylish a pair as driven in the Park; also a single horse to match. Enquire of WILLIAM H. VANDOZZET, Victor Sale Stables, Nos. 107 and 109 West 37th-st.

W. H. DISBROW'S AUCTION SALE OF horses, rockaways, buggies, harness, &c., new and second-hand, at 1 P. M., THIS DAY, at the Bazaar, No. 109 Liberty-st.

BUGGY.—A LIGHT ROCKAWAY WANTED—Second hand, but nearly as good as new; no other need be offered. Address F. H., No. 349 Canal-st., in the store.

$750 FOR A STYLISH BAY HORSE, light shifting top wagon and harness. M. MCCREADY, Occidental Hotel, No. 624 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A STYLISH BAY MARE, 15¼ hands, pony built, sound and kind, except being sore forward, $125; if sound worth $200. No. 227 7th-ave.

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STATIONARY AND PORTABLE STEAM Engines and boilers, flax, hemp, tow, oakum and rope machinery, mechanics' tools, &c. TODD & RAFFERTY, wrecking engineers, 74 N. Y. works, Paterson, N. J.

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THIS TUESDAY, MAY 22—MARTHA.
Martha.....Miss Louise Kellogg
Lionel.....New Singer
Plunkett.....Signor Monti
Sheridan.....Signor Medini
Nancy.....Miss Louise Kellogg
Lord Tristan.....Signor Medini
Lionel.....New Singer
Plunkett.....Signor Monti
Sheridan.....Signor Medini
Nancy.....Miss Louise Kellogg
Lord Tristan.....Signor Medini
Director of Musical Department.....Sig. MUZIO
To-morrow (WEDNESDAY) May 23, Brooklyn TO-MORROW, (WEDNESDAY) May 23, LA JUIVE.
Grau takes pleasure to state that through the courtesy of Mr. Maretzek, the present less

SOUTH AMERICA.

Bombardment of Callao by the Spanish Fleet.

Decisive Repulse of the Assailants with Heavy Loss.

The Spanish Ships Disabled and Forced to Withdraw for Repairs.

Admiral Nunez Reported to be Badly Wounded.

Ineffectiveness of the Bombardment—Callao but Slightly Damaged.

The Peruvian Secretary of War Killed by the Explosion of a Battery.

No Probability that the Spaniards will Renew the Attack.

SPECIE LIST.

The steamship *Arizona*, Capt. MAURY, from Aspinwall on the 19th inst., with mails, specie and passengers to T. G. W. BELLOWS, arrived yesterday morning. The following is the

Panama R. R. Co.	$39,997 22
Duncan, Sherman & Co.	66,397 05
J. W. Seligman & Co.	42,900 00
Weill & Co.	8,941 00
Becon & Russell	15,252 61
Hathaway, Heady, Rno & Co.	1,200 00
Morgan & Co.	181,435 67
Eugene Kelly & Co.	117,500 00
Wells, Fargo & Co.	7,000 00
Lees & Waller	256,000 00
Grand total	$1,392,094 62

Order	$50,000 00
Total	$1,276,505 77

FROM ASPINWALL.

Flint & Hall	$45,400 00
S. L. Isaacs	900 00
Trevour & Colgate	3,040 00
Headly, Rno & Co.	1,200 00
Wells, Fargo & Co.	2,478 85
Marcial & Co.	2,119 09
Meissner, Achermann & Co.	800 00
Total	$15,588 85

OUR PANAMA CORRESPONDENCY.

Full Details of the Bombardment of Callao and the Repulse of the Spanish Fleet.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Sunday, May 13, 1866.

On the morning of the 25th of April the Spanish fleet, consisting of ten war ships and four or five transports, entered the Bay of Callao and anchored off the point of the island of San Lorenzo. The Spanish Admiral notified the shipping immediately on his arrival that they must get out of the way, as in six days from that time he should bombard the city. The fleet consisted of the following vessels:

Iron-clad Numancia	40 guns
Frigate Villa de Madrid	56 guns
Frigate Almanza	52 guns
Frigate Resolucion	52 guns
Frigate Blanca	38 guns
Frigate Berenguela	36 guns
Corvette Vencedora	3 guns
Dispatch-boat Consuelo	2 guns
Transport Marques de la Victoria	2 guns
Steamer Matias Consiño	2 guns
Steamer Paquete de Maule	2 guns
Making eleven vessels with	275 guns

Last evening at 6 o'clock the United States war steamer *Vanderbilt*, Commander RODGERS, arrived in this bay, and was followed one hour later by the monitor *Monadnock*, the former bringing the result of the bombardment, which commenced at a little before 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the 2d May, and lasted four hours. The ships brought no newspapers or correspondence, so far as I have heard, with any account of the attack, as they sailed almost immediately after the Spanish ships drew off. A gentleman on board the *Vanderbilt* furnished the Panama *Chronicle* the following account:

THE OPENING OF THE BALL.

"The action commenced shortly after noon on the 2d inst., the Peruvians firing the first shot. The Spaniards attacked the batteries in two lines. The *Villa de Madrid*, *Blanca* and *Berenguela* taking the forts to the north, and the *Numancia*, *Almansa* and *Resolucion* those to the south of the town. Early in the engagement a shot struck the *Villa de Madrid*, damaging her badly and cutting asunder the steam pipe. After about an hour's firing another shot penetrated the hull of the *Berenguela*, making a tremendous hole, through which the water rushed in, and at one time she looked like going down, but they managed to careen her and patch her up sufficiently to drag herself away from the scene of action. The *Blanca* showed no indications of having been struck. The ships attacking the Southern batteries were not much damaged, nor did they effect much. One of the turrets on shore mounting two heavy guns was blown up, but it is uncertain whether this was caused by a shell from the enemy or from some other cause. Callao itself was not injured in the least; at one time the whole Spanish fleet withdrew ignominiously to their anchorage off San Lorenzo—the Peruvians blazing away bravely after them as they retreated. Señor GALVEZ, the Peruvian War Secretary, was killed; the number of wounded was not ascertained, but it must have been considerable. The Spaniards also have suffered very severely, far more so than the Peruvians had any idea of. Commander NUNEZ faced the fire well, and showed great evidence of personal bravery, but while walking on the bridge of the *Numancia* he was wounded, it is said dangerously. The Captain of the *Resolucion* was also badly hurt. The number of killed and wounded among the Spaniards is estimated to be about 500. The gentleman to whose kindness we are indebted for our information left on shore at Callao on the morning following the engagement, and states that the enthusiasm among the Peruvians was unbounded. The Spaniards, on the contrary, were woefully taken in, and although they threatened a second attack it is very doubtful if they would have courage enough to attempt it. Let credit be given where it is due. The Peruvians, we are told on the very best authority, fought their guns bravely and well; heedless of the danger and loss of life, they were almost quarrelling among themselves who should occupy the post of honor and fire off the guns. Nothing would drive them away; but now that the victory is justly theirs, it will be madness for the Spaniards to renew the action on the same tactics The courage of the Peruvians is indomitable, and the result of this day's engagement shows unmistakably that they have more fight in them than their enemies ever bargained for."

The extra of the Panama *Star* of to-day gives the following account:

Of course there is a good deal of bombast in the first account; but nevertheless there can be no doubt that the Spaniards signally failed in their attack on Callao. I learn from a gentleman who witnessed the attack that the management of the Spanish fleet and the field firing was disgraceful in the extreme to the commander and all concerned, and that the management of the batteries on shore was but little—worse. "Had the Peruvians possessed the least skill," said my informant, "they could have destroyed the whole Spanish fleet, excepting perhaps the *Numancia*." That "the number killed on the Spanish fleet is estimated at 500" is an easy thing to hope, and as easy to write. But as nobody knew how large the Spanish loss was, or had any means of knowing when the steamers left, it is as likely the loss was under 50 as that it was 500. It is acknowledged that the Peruvians stuck to their guns well and acted bravely. Nine out of ten of the shots of the Spanish fell short.

On the 24th of April, the day before the arrival of the Spanish fleet in the harbor, the large iron floating dock was launched in the presence of thousands of spectators. The Lima *Comercio* says:

"The immense importance and the lasting good, not only to Peru but to the whole of South America, of such splendid dock accommodation cannot be overestimated; and ship-owners have now the proud satisfaction of knowing that a Company has been established whose business is to care for their interests, and the gentlemen who are concerned in the management are a guarantee that shipping interests will be attended to and cared for as they have never yet been do.e."

Chili.

The only item from Valparaiso of any interest is the following:

VALPARAISO, April 17, 1866.

The Spanish Squadron left this port on the 14th inst., and previous to his departure the Spanish Admiral notified the Consuls that the blockade of this port was raised *pro tem.* The Government immediately passed a decree, at once bringing into force the import and export duties as they were previous to the blockade.

Ecuador.

A Quito paper says that some of the California miners are settling down in the rich Province of Esmeralda, where rich gold mines had been discovered. The Ecuadorian Government appeared to think that the English squadron would prevent the bombardment of Guayaquil by the Spanish fleet, for the reason that the port is a mercantile one, and that 35 per cent. of the Custom-house revenues are mortgaged to British creditors.

There is no news from Central America, except that the scarlet fever continues to make fearful ravages among the populations of Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

PANAMA.

Movements of President Mosquera—Attempts to Extend the Alliance.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Sunday, May 13, 1866.

President MOSQUERA did not come to Aspinwall, as he promised to do. After two or three days at Santa Martha, he left in his war vessel, the *Colombia*, for Carthagena, and from thence went to Savanilla and Bogota. He would reach Bogota about the 16th inst. He stayed in Carthagena that he had made a conditional sale of the Panama Railroad to a company of British capitalists, for $2,000,000 sterling—one-half to be paid down immediately, if required, and the other half in nine years, when the charter of the present Company would expire; that the bargain would not be finally concluded until the New-York company had had an opportunity of making a better bid. Of course any sale would be subject to the action of Congress. Gen. MOSQUERA sent an express to Bogota from Santa Martha, asking the acting President to extend the session of Congress, if that body had not already adjourned, till his arrival. He is said to be determined on making Panama the capital of the republic. The *Colombia* arrived at Aspinwall on the 11th, and is still there. She is a fine propeller of about 700 tons, carrying 8 guns, and 99 men, all Englishmen, and a small complement of marines, the latter Colombians. One of Gen. MOSQUERA's sons came passenger on the *Colombia*, and has gone to Cauca.

Another vessel, called the *Cuaspud*, for the new Colombian Navy, is shortly expected at Aspinwall. It is the intention of Gen. MOSQUERA to use these and the vessels he is about to place on the Pacific as war vessels only incidentally. On the Atlantic, the *Colombia* and *Cuaspud* will carry mails, passengers and freight between Aspinwall, Carthagena and Santa Martha, at very low prices, and will be constantly employe, so that communication may be kept up at very short intervals between these ports, instead of once or twice a month, as now. He expects to get a great proportion of the expenses of running and maintaining in good order the vessels, while the officers and crews will be kept in good discipline and efficiency, and be ready for any emergency of the republic.

Señor MATTA, Chilian Minister to Venezuela and Colombia, arrived here a few days since from the former country, and goes now to Bogota. He failed to draw Venezuela into an alliance with Chili against Spain, but appears to have great hopes of success at Bogota. The idea of Chili in drawing these two Atlantic States into an alliance against Spain looks to very important results. It is known that many influential Cubans are impatient under the yoke of old Spain, and would move in open rebellion had they a little outside support. With Colombia and Venezuela as allies it is thought possible for Chili and her friends to send from the ports of the former countries a sufficient number of men to land on the coasts of Cuba to make the success of a rebellion in the island not only possible but even probable. What bearing the ill success of Spain in the Pacific may have on these projects it is impossible to say, but it is quite apparent that many dangers beset the mother country on her onslaught on her former colonies, that can only be averted by her prompt withdrawal from the paths she seems disposed to tread.

The *Vanderbilt*, *Monadnock* and *St. Mary's* are at Panama, and the *Florida*, gunboat, at Aspinwall.

THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

Facts and Figures—The Richmond County Dram-sellers.

Commissioner BENJAMIN F. MANIERRE, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Board of Excise, had received, at the close yesterday, $419,780. Col. N. B. BARTRAM, Inspector of Excise, had received and passed over for approval by the Excise Board's Committee on Applications for License, five thousand eight hundred and eighty-one application papers. A careful estimate has shown that about one-fifth of these applications are of the second or one-hundred-dollar class, for license to sell ale and beer. Taking this estimate as a basis, and making no account of at least another hundred or two that probably will apply from the suburban towns in Kings and Queens Counties, we have the following figures:

4,305 dealers in spirituous liquors, who have already applied and been recommended for license, will pay	$1,076,250
1,676 dealers in beer who have applied and been recommended for license will pay	167,600
5,381 dealers will pay	$1,183,850
Ten per cent. of this sum to be given to the State Inebriate Asylum	118,385
Leaving for the Metropolitan Police	$1,065,465
Deduct for pay of police salaries for May	200,000
Leaving in Treasurer Bergen's hands on the 1st of June	$865,465
Interest on this sum to July 1, calculated at six per cent.	4,327
Total in Treasurer Bergen's hands July 1	$869,792
Deduct police salaries for June	200,000
Leaving in Treasurer's hands July 2	$669,792
Interest to Aug. 1	3,365
Total in Treasurer's hands Aug. 1	$673,177
Deduct police salaries for July	200,000
Leaving in Treasurer's hands Aug. 2	$473,177
Interest to Sept. 1	2,372
In Treasurer's hands Sept. 1	$475,549
Deduct police salaries for August	200,000
Leaving in Treasurer's hands Sept. 2	$275,549
Interest to Oct. 1	1,383
Making in Treasurer's hands Oct. 1	$277,132
Deduct police salaries for September	200,000
Leaving in Treasurer's hands Oct 2	$77,132

Thus the dram-shops will save the Metropolitan Police the trouble of calling upon Comptroller BARNARD until the first of October next.

APPLICANTS FROM RICHMOND COUNTY.

Capt. HOLBROOK has not entered upon the discharge of his duties as commander of the police of the Fifty-first Precinct, or Richmond County, and there has, therefore, been no person on Staten Island to indorse the venders' applications there. Consequently, yesterday morning, the time which the Excise Board's Committee on Applications had set apart for the hearing of Staten Island dram-sellers, a most respectable class of dealers appeared before the Committee, to the number of fifty-four, and nearly one-half of the number received the Committee's indorsement. The census of dram-shops on Staten Island, on the 26th ult., showed 238 bars. The following named dealers were indorsed by the Committee yesterday:

John T. H. Jones, Stapleton, first-class license.
George W. Chambers, Vanderbilt's Landing, first-class.
S. L. Lewis, Vanderbilt's Landing, first-class.
John Stephenson, Tompkinsville, beer.
Antonio Cavallas, Northfield, beer.
Nicholas Killmire, Westfield, beer.
Moses Alston, Chelsea, beer.
John Bennett, Northfield, beer.
Sarah Burger, Port Richmond, to put beer into the hands of her son-in-law, first-class license.
Joseph Schaffer, Port Richmond, first-class.
William Klingelhoffer, Port Richmond, beer.
John Balzer's Hotel, Castleton, beer.
George W. Ford, Factoryville, beer.
Camille Lavean, Stapleton, first-class.
John Kron, Tottenville, beer.
Jeremiah P. Vail, Court-House Hotel, Richmond, first-class.
Henry A. Miller, Rossville, beer.
Ezekiel Tabarini, Clifton, first-class.
Bernard Tetoer, Factoryville, beer.
George Tully, Baltic House, New-Brighton, beer.
John Donoghan, Stapleton, beer.
John McGaffe, Edgewater, beer.
James Sweeney, Tompkinsville, beer.
Owen Donovan, Factoryville, beer.
Hugh Campbell, Factoryville, first-class.
Dominick Reagan, Castleton, first-class.
Frederick Meyers, Port Richmond, beer.
A. Pettsler, New-Brighton, beer.
James Tosetti, Bay-Shore, first-class.
Henry Cooper's Brig, Tompkinsville, first-class.
Jeremiah Baker, Edgewater, first-class.
Abraham Scguine, Castleton, first-class.
William C. Denyse, Tompkinsville, first-class.
Peter Adams, Tompkinsville, first-class.
Matthew English, Tompkinsville, first-class.
Philip G. Bender, Tompkinsville, first-class.
John McOrwick, Stapleton, first-class.
Arthur Sollas, Stapleton, first-class.
Benaventura Rattruff, Concord, beer.
John Hotkamp, New-Brighton, first-class.
Henry Ilenburger, New-Brighton, beer.
Louis Geiser, Stapleton, first-class.
Gustavus Koelbrett, Middletown, beer.
Rudolph Shafer, Stapleton, first-class.
Solomon Kipp, Richmond County House, Richmond, first-class.
John Johnson, Castleton, beer.
Henry Barnes, New-Brighton, beer.
Max Ostwald, Quarantine Landing, first-class.
Abraham Butler, Port Richmond, first-class.
John Duff, of Port Richmond; Wm. Hagar, of Clifton; John Gotts, of Stapleton, and Fanny Hillon, of Factoryville, were directed to call on Capt. Holbrook whenever their groceries shall have been so fitted as to meet the Board's requirements.

It is a noteworthy circumstance that four of the New-Brighton venders applied for license. It has been understood that the liquor dealers of that village, incited by the Village Trustees, intended to ignore the existence of the Metropolitan Board of Excise and take license from their own townsmen—license which does not prohibit the sale of liquors on Sunday, their most lucrative day. But it appears that four of these dealers fear that the Board of Excise may upset the charter of the Village of New-Brighton and leave them unlicensed and unable to vend liquors at any time. Hence they elect to join the army of the Board of Excise, and abide by the rules which the Excise Board has established.

WHAT THE BOARD WILL DO.

Several of the Richmond County dram-sellers were desirous yesterday that their neighbors should be held to strict compliance with the rules by which they, in applying for license, agreed to abide. Mr. ACTON assured them that the Board's action shall be uniform; that whenever all are to be licensed within the boundaries of the Metropolitan District, excluding the County of Westchester, shall have received their papers, the "sweeping-machine" shall be put in operation, and every vender who undertakes to sell without license shall be coerced to the extent of the Board's power, and that those venders who have thus early come into the Excise army from the village of New-Brighton shall have their fair reward in being the only persons to sell liquors in that village after the ousting of the unconstitutionally incumbent trustees. The Board cannot get ready to promulgate its orders to the Metropolitan Police before the 1st of June.

EVIDENT FORGERY.

Yesterday morning's *Sun* contained the following:

"There is another matter to which we wish to direct the attention of the Board. That is, their disposition to license what for the sake of distinction may be called the better class of drinking saloons. One of the most extensively patronized concerns of this kind on Broadway, which employs not less than two dozen pretty waiter girls, now displays the framed 'license' of the Excise Board. It may be that this is an exceptional case, but there ought to be no exception in favor of any such place. The law is very explicit in declaring that licenses shall not be granted except to places of 'good moral character.' Perhaps the Board may be able to explain this matter satisfactorily, but it looks as if they were entirely too liberal in the distribution of their licenses."

If the writer of the foregoing has not been misinformed, then surely somebody must have forged the name of a Police Captain, and through that forgery a license has fallen into such hands as the Board will not under any circumstances recognise. The remedy is easy, and has been recited over and again to applicants for license, thus: "If any vender violates the Board's rules, the Board will revoke his license and peremptorily order the closing of his place." A Broadway concert-saloon which displays a license today will not do so to-morrow.

The Excise Law—Delinquent Liquor Dealers Held to Bail for Trial.

Those liquor dealers arrested on Sunday for violating the Excise Law, after the adjournment of the Police Courts, were arraigned yesterday.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court, Justice LEDWITH presiding, the following cases were disposed of: Louis Beneville; of No. 90 Sixth-avenue; Andrew Sinclair, of No. 363 Spring-street; Frederick Roth, of No. 410 Sixth-avenue; Herman Mayer, of No. 177 Wooster-street; Daniel Reisher, of No. 69 Fourth-avenue; Jacob Stumps, of No. 246 Third-avenue, Paul Reever, of No. 77 Grand-street; James Thompson, of No. 252 Avenue B. All of the accused were required to find bail in the sum of $100 to answer the charges preferred against them at the Court of General Sessions.

At the Tombs Court, Gnosael Bedford, of No. 5 Frankfort-street, was arraigned on a charge of having violated the Excise Law, in selling beer at 3 o'clock A. M. of Sunday. Officer SULLIVAN, of the Fourth Precinct, who made the arrest, stated that the prisoner had no license. He was required to find bail by Justice DOWLING in the sum of $300 to answer the charge. Four other arrests were made, but the complaints were dismissed.

At the Essex Market Court, Justice MANSFIELD presiding, the following persons were arraigned on charges of having violated the Excise Law: JAMES HALLECK, of No. 285 Henry-street; JAMES RILEY, of No. 169 First-avenue; CHRISTOPHER SCHWIND, of No. 241 Fifth-street; FREDERICK KING, of No. 218 First-avenue; HENRY MICHAEL, of No. 158 Hester-street; DANIEL O'CONNOR, of No. 209 Gouverneur-street; LEWIS GEORGE, of No. 121 Avenue A. They were required to find bail in the sum of $300 each to answer the charge.

Appeal of the Ale and Porter Brewers to the Board of Excise.

The following epistle, which was received by President SCHULTZ yesterday, is to be presented to the Board of Excise at its meeting this afternoon:

NEW-YORK, Monday, May 21, 1866.

Hon. J. S. Schultz, President of the Board of Excise Commissioners:

DEAR SIR: A short time since the ale and porter brewers doing business in the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn requested to have an interview with the Honorable Board of Excise Commissioners. This was granted by your Board appointing a Committee to hear them, who received the brewers and listened to them with all kindness and attention.

Being desirous, however, that each member of the Board should be made acquainted with their views, &c., in regard to the license law recently enacted, with the view of obtaining some modification in the resolution adopted for the execution of this law, I take this method, in their behalf, of addressing you.

As brewers of porter and ale our interests are effected somewhat differently from that of the lager-bier brewers. We are more especially effected by the high rate of license fixed for the sale of malt liquors, and by the refusal to license grocers. Malt liquors are sold by the following classes of dealers:

First—Liquor dealers.

Second—Grocers.

Third—Keepers of restaurants, dining and oyster saloons. There are no ale-houses in this country as such exclusively, except the saloons attached to lager-bier breweries. With this exception, malt liquors are always sold in connection with other commodities. We are not as a community sufficiently an ale-drinking people to warrant any parties to undertake this as a business by itself. (The small number of applications which have been made for ale licenses will bear me out in this assertion.) Consequently, no person can afford to pay $100 license to the district and $25 to the Government, for the privilege of carrying on that business. Neither can many of the owners of restaurants, oyster and dining saloons afford to pay that amount on the small quantity that they sell in the course of a year. If the amount of license, $100, is adhered to, it must necessarily cause many who are in the business to dispense with retailing the beverage; and this will drive their customer to the large places where the proprietors can afford to pay the amount, and thus ruin a great many worthy citizens. By a resolution of the Honorable Board of Excise, license to sell either spiritous or malt liquors is denied to grocers; probably not because malt liquors are objectionable, but from having been so generally classed with spirituous liquors. The same rule has been applied to both, but your own judgment and observation will naturally suggest that this classification ought not to exist, and that the same rule should not be applied to guard against the use of malt liquors that are applied to spirituous liquors; and that while many may have kept a few groceries as a blind to cover their liquor business, from whom it may be very proper to withhold a license for the sale of spirituous drinks, yet this will not apply to much the larger number of grocers—worthy, respectable citizens who have been for years in business, and who have established a reputation above reproach. In behalf of the ale and porter brewers of New-York and Brooklyn we ask that these large number of grocers be licensed for the sale of malt liquors, and that the amount fixed for such license shall not exceed the sum of $30—which, with the United States license of $25, will amount to $55; and that women of good character now engaged in business may be included in the number of those who may be licensed. There are many grocers who will willingly abandon the sale of spirituous liquors if they can obtain a license for $30 to sell malt liquors. Many dining-saloons will take out an ale license on these terms and exclude liquor. Individuals or families who will not go or send to a liquor store can be supplied with malt liquors, who will otherwise do without it, and while there will be free trade in spirits, and every one who wishes can get as much as he pleases, the sale and consumption of malt liquors will be materially decreased. As the experience of this country since the operation of the United States whisky tax, and of all Europe for many years, shows spirits may be taxed to any amount, no matter how large, and it will not decrease the consumption thereof. Not so with malt liquors. They are perishable, made only in sufficient quantities to meet present demand, (except the stock ales, forming probably one-eighth of the whole quantity brewed.) They are always liable to bursting the casks, leakage, souring, etc.; they must be sold over the counter after being brewed, soon after being drawn from the casks; they are too bulky to carry cheap, and sold at a small profit. Consequently, every obstruction thrown in the way of their use lessens the quantities drunk, while spirits can be kept an unlimited length of time, is easily transported, is used in small quantities, is frequently an article of prohibition, and, as we all know, there is always plenty of it in the market.

Wherefore ask it as an act of justice to the brewers who are engaged in the manufacture of a wholesome, nutritious beverage that affords strength to the weary, to the invalid and to the infirm; an article the use of which does not and never has led to any violation of the public peace or of the good order of society, that any respectable person, whether grocer or not, shall have a license to sell malt liquors on the six days of the week devoted to business. This will tend to the increased use of beer in the place of spirituous drinks, and thus advance the cause of temperance and sobriety in our community, while an adherance to the existing rules of the Board tends to the prohibition of malt liquors and the encouragement of the use of spirituous liquors, and, consequently, to the spread of intemperance in the community.

Respectfully yours, in behalf of the ale and porter brewers,

P. AMERMAN, No. 121 Warren-street.

Our Colored Schools.

Yesterday morning the teachers and pupils of Colored Grammar School No. 1, situated in Mulberry-street, near Grand, gave a farewell reception to the School Trustees of the Fourteenth Ward, the occasion being the assumption by the Board of Education of the exclusive control of our colored schools. The exercises, which embraced music, recitation, declamation and addresses, were conducted by Mr. JOHN PETERSON, Principal of the Male Department; and he was assisted by Miss ELIZA GWYNNE, Principal of the Female Department. Vice-Principal LOVERING presided at the piano. The School Commissioners present were Messrs. RICHARD WARREN, JAMES L. MILLER, HENRY P. WEST and TIMOTHY BRENNAN: the Trustees, Messrs. KIRKHAM and BRENNAN. Messrs. C. A. CROMMELIN, H. T. OTHES and T. SCHLLINDER, of Amsterdam, a Committee of Hollanders, who are visiting our institutions, were interested spectators. After the completion of the children's programme, appropriate speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. HARTLEY and DIXON, Prof. DAY, Commissioners WARREN and WEST, and Messrs. WILLIAM GRAY, GEORGE BOWERS and THOMAS BOMER. The latter said that the Board of Education had determined that the colored children of New-York shall henceforth enjoy the same opportunities that are afforded white children; that their teachers shall be of high grade; that their school edifices shall be in no wise inferior to those which are erected for white children, and that the text-books which are supplied gratuitously by the City, shall be the same that are supplied in other schools. The Board of Education, in taking entire control of the five colored schools in the City, do it with a view solely to benefiting the colored children.

Colored Grammar School No. 1 has 117 pupils in the Male Department and 150 in the Female Department. The school edifice was erected in 1860, when Gen. MICHAEL CORCORAN was one of the Ward Inspectors.

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held their first regular meeting, since incorporation, last evening, at their rooms corner of Broadway and Twelfth-street, HENRY BERGH, Esq., President of the Society, in the Chair. The minutes of the preliminary meeting were read, showing that the influence of the society had already shown itself in the late action of the police in the matter of the cruelties and abuses complained of. The report of the Committee on By-laws was then read by SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, Esq., Secretary of that Committee. There was some slight discussion on the by-laws leading to some trifling modifications, after which they were adopted by unanimous vote of the society.

A pleasing feature of the by-laws is that which admits of lady patronesses, and concedes to them the right to vote.

Mrs. COVENTRY WADDELL was proposed as a lady patroness, her name being received with acclamation. Some twenty-five gentlemen, prominent citizens, were then elected as members. The President and Vice-President of the United States, and the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New-York were then chosen honorary members, and the President and Vice-President of the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, *ex-officio* members.

The Chairman then stated that he had taken some pains to provide some figures showing the heavier grades on the various lines of street railroads, and to the fact that the horses doing work upon these grades suffer severely in many instances by being compelled to drag, without additional aid, the cars already a heavy load upon the level. This grievance, he stated, was particularly apparent on *fête* days, when the cars were not only crammed within-doors and upon the platforms, but also on the roof.

To remedy this evil a resolution was offered calling the attention of the various railway companies to these grades, and suggesting that they should have an extra horse at these accents to aid those now overworked. This motion gave rise to considerable discussion, in which Messrs. A. T. STEWART, AUGUSTUS BELMONT, Dr. BELLOWS, SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, and other gentlemen joined, ending in its being referred to the Executive Committee. This was followed by a resolution to petition the Town Council to remove the Russ pavement in Broadway, Fifth-avenue and other places, and substitute therefor either Belgian pavement or break it up and macadamize the road, to alleviate the cruelties to which the brute creation was subject during the traffic on these roads.

This resolution also gave rise to discussion as to the best means to effect the object of the society, and various ideas were ventilated, ending in the naming of a special committee to report upon the condition of the pavement of the City, and the best means to remedy the grievances complained of, submitting the same to the Society as a subsequent meeting of the Society. This Committee to be empowered, also, to communicate with experts, through the Press, so as to be enabled to place the matter in all its bearings before the Society. On inquiry of Gen. BUTTERFIELD, the Secretary stated that about fifteen convictions had been obtained against violaters of the law, but these did not represent to the full the amount of good already done, as many of those charged with cruelty were warned and the law made known to them—the evil ceasing with these as with those convicted. It was suggested that tracts should be distributed among carters and others having animals in charge. The Treasurer, WM. MCMURRAY, Esq., thought this kind of action and expenditure rather premature. Whatever might be the effect of a mature kindred society such as that in London. He stated that the amount of contributions now in his hands was some $3,000, with $1,500 further to be collected, and that he thought economy in the earlier existence of the Society would be wise. The chairman, a ter prolonged discussion, received permission to print, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, such pamphlets as he thought likely to forward the purposes of the Society. The Society then adjourned.

THE TURF.

Trotting on the Fashion Course.

Two trots were announced to come off yesterday on the Fashion Course, L. I.—one for the proprietors' purse of $100, mile heats, best three in five, to wagon, and the other a sweepstake purse of $250, mile heats, to wagon, between Bull's Head sale horses. The first resulted in a forfeit; for, although there were ten horses entered, HIRAM WOODRUFF's speedy chestnut mare Rosamond frightened away all opposition, and she was allowed to carry off the purse without a race.

There were four horses entered for the $250 purse and stake, viz: G. GILBERT's blk. m. Belle of Baltimore; D. BRISTOL's b. g. Harry; J. H. WHITSON's s. g. Clarence, and A. WHITSON's s. g. Paddy. It was a race of mile heats, best three in five, to wagons, and although the track was in admirable order, fast time was not looked for, as a strong wind prevailed while the heats were being trotted. There was considerable business done in pool sales on the trot today on the Union Course, which is for a purse of $1,000, mile heats, best three in five in harness, with four horses, Dictator, Humming Bird, Ella Sherwood and Fanny Allen entered. The latter was the favorite among the speculators, bringing at the rate of $90 to Dictator's $65; Ella Sherwood's $30, and Humming Bird's $5.

FIRST HEAT.—In the pools Paddy sold for $18, Harry $10, Belle of Baltimore $8, and Clarence $5. A great deal of time was wasted owing to the driver of Clarence persisting in keeping so far behind the other horses in scoring, that the judges, finding it impossible to effect a fair even start, gave the word, when Belle of Baltimore and Clarence were several lengths behind, Paddy having a clear length, the best of the send off. At the quarter pole Paddy was two lengths before Harry, and the latter six lengths before Clarence, and those positions were unaltered as they passed the half-mile pole. On the three-quarter stretch, Belle of Baltimore and Clarence fell far into the rear, and the race was left to Paddy and Harry, but the latter lengthened out his way in the home stretch, Paddy came home a winner by three lengths in 2:34. Belle and Clarence were below the distance stand, but the race having been made without any distance, they were, in consequence, allowed to start again.

SECOND HEAT.—In the pools Paddy now sold for $10, Harry $6, Clarence $3, Belle $1. Again there was considerable delay in getting off, owing to Clarence's driver getting too far down the stretch. At last, when the patience of both judges and spectators was exhausted they came up together and a good start was effected. Passing the quarter-pole Paddy was two lengths ahead of Belle, with Clarence two lengths behind Harry. Belle soon after broke up and Clarence passing the others, took second place. A good race on the Flushing stretch ensued between the two leaders—both locked and head and head at the quarter-pole. On the home stretch Clarence broke and ran some distance but within a few lengths of the score he struck a trot and crossed the score half a neck in front of Paddy. The judges ignoring the running gave the heat to Clarence. Time, 3.09.

THIRD HEAT.—Pools: Paddy brought $12, Clarence $20, Harry $5, and Belle 3. Harry got the best of the send off, with Paddy next, and the others three lengths behind. At the quarter pole Harry and Paddy were close together, the latter leading half a length at the half-mile pole. Harry broke on the Flushing stretch, and Clarence became second—a fine race home, resulting in favor of Clarence by a neck in 3:00; Paddy second, and the others far behind.

FOURTH HEAT.—Betting three to one on Clarence against the field, four which Belle of Baltimore had been withdrawn. Paddy landed first with Harry second, and Clarence, who broke just before the word was given, three lengths behind. They went to the half-mile pole in these positions, but on the Flushing stretch Harry broke and fell behind. A good race up the home stretch ended in Clarence crossing the score a neck in front of Paddy, who went off his feet within a few yards of the score. Time 2:50.

SUMMARY.

FASHION COURSE, L. I., May 21.—Purse and stake, $250; mile heats, best three in five, to wagons.

J. H. Whitson named s. g. Clarence	5 1 1 1
A. Whitson named s. g. Paddy	1 2 2 2
D. Bristol named b. g. Harry	3 3 3 3
G. Gilbert named bl. m. Belle of Baltimore	4 4 4 dr.

Time—3:08; 3:00; 2:50.

Same day, purse $100; mile heats, best three in five, to wagons.

H. Woodruff named ch. m. Rosemond. Received forfeit.

Base Ball.

NEW-YORK SCHOOL OF MINES VS. AMBIDEXTER.

On Saturday a match game was played between the New-York School of Mines Club and the Ambidexter Club, of New-Rochelle, on the grounds of the latter, which resulted in a score of 41 to 31 in favor of the School of Mines.

SCHOOL OF MINES.	Runs.	Outs.	AMBIDEXTER.	Runs.	Outs.
Parsons, l. f.	5	3	J. Covers, s. s.	4	4
Giddings, 2d b.	6	2	L. Perrin, c.	5	3
Wheeler, c. f.	6	2	Bolton, 1st b.	3	3
Chauncey, s. s.	5	3	J. Mercer, l. f.	4	3
Geer, 1st b.	2	2	G. Mercer, c. f.	4	3
Sanger, c.	5	2	Bedsan, 2d b.	6	3
Atwood, 3d b.	3	5	Smith, 3d b.	4	3
Geo. Parsons, p.	5	1	Bedsan, 1st b.	5	5
Hay, r. f.	3				
Total	41	27	Total	31	27

INNINGS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	
School of Mines	5	1	7	0	0	1	3	6	17	2—41
Ambidexter	5	1	7	0	3	1	3	1	2	3—31

On Friday next the School of Mines and Columbia College will play a match game on the grounds of the latter, corner Forty-ninth-street and Fifth-avenue.

Cricket.

NEW-YORK VS. NEWARK—FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON.

The first cricket match of the season, in this vicinity, will take place to-day at Hoboken, between the Newark Club, of Newark, and the New-York Club. Considerable interest is attached to this game aside from the fact of its being the inauguration of match-playing. The New-Yorkers will introduce a couple of professionals, of whom report speaks very highly. An attempt will be made to pull this match through in one day, as the St. George's Club occupy the ground on Wednesday. To accomplish this purpose, wickets will be pitched at 10 A. M., and some attention will have to be paid to the rules and regulations, which only allow half a minute for a batsman to retire and another to take his place, and ten minutes between innings. As the game is now played, five or ten minutes are consumed in the first instance, and half an hour in the next. To shorten the game, so that it can be finished in one day, is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

SALE OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BOOKS.—Messrs. LEAVITT, STREBIGH & Co., of the Book Trade Salerooms, No. 498 Broadway, announce an important sale of valuable English and American books, comprising the finest editions of rare and standard works, in elegant bindings, the whole forming one of the choicest collections ever offered at auction. Among the works may be mentioned "Bohn's" standard illustrated and scientific libraries, of 240 volumes, half bound in calf; "Gentleman's Magazine, 208 volumes; "Annales de Musée," 21 volumes; "Daniels' Oriental Scenery," 3 volumes folio; "Antiquities Mexicanes," 2 volumes folio; "Wilkie Gallery," folio; "British Poets," 33 volumes; "British Classics," 24 volumes; "Lenox Furies Modernes," 3 volumes folio; "Scripture Gallery," folio, morocco; "Dickens' Works," 24 volumes, half calf; "London Punch," 20 volumes, quarto; "Finden's Royal Gallery of British Art," folio; "American Cyclopædia," 16 volumes, half turkey; "Milton's Works, 'Pickering,'" 8 volumes, calf; "Nichols' Illustrations," 17 volumes. The catalogue includes 609 lots, and covers forty pages, being throughout a compliment to the taste of the public to which it is offered. The sale will begin on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, and will continue on subsequent evenings until the catalogue shall have been exhausted.

DROWNED.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner WILDEY, at No. 147 Goerck-street, on the body of LEWIS HENRY GARDNER, 21 years of age, who was drowned on Sunday evening. It appeared from the evidence adduced that the deceased and six other young men, all members of the Island City Boat Club, went for a row to Bedloe's Island, and on their return, while attempting to go ashore at the foot of Fifth-street, East River, the boat capsized, precipitating the entire crew into the water. All of them were rescued except GARDNER. A verdict in accordance with these circumstances was recorded by the jurymen. Coroner WILDEY held a second inquest over the remains of ELIAS H. RICHARDS, a native of Long Island, aged 52, who was drowned